



# Council

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**Wednesday 20 July 2022**  
**2.00 p.m.**

**Rotherham**  
Metropolitan  
Borough Council 

# WELCOME TO TODAY'S MEETING

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## GUIDANCE FOR THE PUBLIC

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The Council is composed of 59 Councillors, who are democratically accountable to the residents of their ward.

The Council Meeting is chaired by the Mayor, who will ensure that its business can be carried out efficiently and with regard to respecting the rights and responsibilities of Councillors and the interests of the community. The Mayor is the Borough's first citizen and is treated with respect by the whole Council, as should visitors and member of the public.

All Councillors meet together as the Council. Here Councillors decide the Council's overall policies and set the budget each year. The Council appoints its Leader, Mayor and Deputy Mayor and at its Annual Meeting will appoint Councillors to serve on its committees.

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# COUNCIL

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Wednesday 20 July 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

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THE MAYOR (Councillor Tajamal Khan)  
DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor Robert Taylor)

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Sharon Kemp)

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## MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

### ANSTON AND WOODSETTS

BAUM-DIXON, Timothy J.  
WILSON, Tracey H  
TARMEY, Drew Simon

### ASTON AND TODWICK

BACON, Joshua  
BARKER, Aaron

### AUGHTON AND SWALLOWNEST

PITCHLEY, Lyndsay  
TAYLOR, Robert Paul

### BOSTON CASTLE

ALAM, Saghir  
MCNEELY, Rose M.  
YASSEEN, Taiba K.

### BRAMLEY AND RAVENFIELD

MILLS, Lewis H.M.  
REYNOLDS, Gregory

### BRINSWORTH

CARTER, Adam J.  
CARTER, Charlotte R.

### DALTON AND THRYBERGH

BAKER-ROGERS, Joanna  
BENNETT-SYLVESTER, Michael D.P.

### DINNINGTON

CASTLEDINE-DACK, Sophie  
WHOMERSLEY, Benjamin J.  
WOODING, Charlie Andrew

### GREASBROUGH

ALLEN, Sarah A.  
ELLIOTT, Robert W.

### HELLABY AND MALTBY WEST

ANDREWS, Jenny  
BALL, Simon A.

### HOOBER

BARLEY, Emily J.  
LELLIOTT, Denise  
ROCHE, David J.

### KEPPEL

BROWNE, Tony  
CLARK, Maggi  
HAGUE, Paul

### KILNHURST AND SWINTON (EAST)

CUSWORTH, Victoria  
SANSOME, Stuart J.

### MALTBY EAST

HUNTER, Lee J.  
TINSLEY, Adam J.

### RAWMARSH EAST

HUGHES, Rachel E.M.  
SHEPPARD, David

### RAWMARSH WEST

BIRD, Bob  
THOMPSON, Jill

### ROTHER VALE

BROOKES, Amy C.  
MIRO, Firas

### ROTHERHAM EAST

COOKSEY, Wendy  
HALEEM, Rukhsana B.  
KHAN, Tajamal

### ROTHERHAM WEST

AVEYARD, Ben  
JONES, Ian P.  
KEENAN, Eve

### SITWELL

BURNETT, Simon L.  
FISHER, David F.  
GRIFFIN, Tony

### SWINTON ROCKINGHAM

MONK, Gina  
WYATT, Ken

### THURCROFT & WICKERSLEY

COLLINGHAM, Zachary A.  
COLLINGHAM, Thomas R.

### WALES

BECK, Dominic E.  
HAVARD, Marnie A.

### WATH

ATKIN, Alan  
COWEN, Sheila A.

### WICKERSLEY NORTH

ELLIS, Sue  
HODDINOTT, Emma E.  
READ, Chris

# Council Meeting Agenda

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**Time and Date:-**

Wednesday 20 July 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

**Venue:-**

Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH

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**1. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To consider any announcements by the Mayor in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3(2)(ii).

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive the apologies of any Member who is unable to attend the meeting.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

Any communication received by the Mayor or Chief Executive which relates to a recommendation of the Cabinet or a committee which was received after the relevant meeting.

**4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS (Pages 9 - 67)**

To receive the record of proceedings of the previous meetings of the Council held on 20 and 25 May, 2022, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

**5. PETITIONS**

To report on any petitions received by the Council received by the Council and receive statements in support of petitions in accordance with Petitions Scheme and Council Procedure Rule 13.

**6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To invite Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests they may have in any matter which is to be considered at this meeting, to confirm the nature of those interests and whether they intend to leave the meeting for the consideration of the item.

**7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

To receive questions from members of the public who may wish to ask a general question of the Mayor, Cabinet Member or the Chairman of a Committee in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.



**8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Mayor, to consider excluding the press and public from the meeting in relation to any items of urgent business on the grounds that private information is likely to be divulged.

**9. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT**

To receive a statement from the Leader of the Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.

**10. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETINGS (Pages 69 - 91)**

To note the minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 16 May and 20 June, 2022.

**11. AMENDMENTS TO APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND PANELS (Pages 93 - 96)**

To inform Council of amendments to the nomination of Members to serve on Committees, Boards and Panels.

**12. CABINET RESPONSE TO THE SCRUTINY REVIEW ON EXTERNAL FUNDING (Pages 97 - 117)**

To note the Cabinets response to the recommendations arising from the scrutiny review of External Funding.

**13. CABINET RESPONSE TO THE OUTCOMES FROM THE SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT REVIEW ON SUPPORT FOR YOUNG CARERS (Pages 119 - 144)**

To note the Cabinets response to the recommendations arising from the scrutiny review of Support for Young Carers.

**14. CABINET RESPONSE TO THE OUTCOMES FROM THE SUB-GROUP ON POST CSE SUPPORT SERVICES (Pages 145 - 166)**

To note the Cabinets response to the recommendations arising from the scrutiny review of Post CSE Support Services.

**15. CABINET RESPONSE TO THE OUTCOMES FROM THE REVIEW GROUP ON THE ROTHERHAM COMMUNITY HUB (Pages 167 - 193)**

To note the Cabinets response to the recommendations arising from the scrutiny review of Rotherham Community Hub.

**16. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2021/22 AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME (Pages 195 - 239)**

To note the financial position and approve the updated Capital Programme.

**17. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022 (Pages 241 - 253)**

To receive the annual report on the activities of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny bodies in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.

**18. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - UPDATES FROM RAWMARSH EAST WARD COUNCILLORS (Pages 255 - 257)**

To receive updates from ward councillors from Rawmarsh East on the activities supporting Thriving Neighbourhoods across the Borough.

**19. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - UPDATES FROM RAWMARSH WEST WARD COUNCILLORS (Pages 259 - 260)**

To receive updates from ward councillors from Rawmarsh West on the activities supporting Thriving Neighbourhoods across the Borough.

**20. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (Pages 261 - 271)**

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**21. LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE (Pages 273 - 275)**

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee.

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**22. PLANNING BOARD (Pages 277 - 283)**

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Planning Board.

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**23. STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE (Pages 285 - 292)**

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Standards and Ethics Committee.

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**24. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS**

To put questions, if any, to the designated Members on the discharge of functions of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield

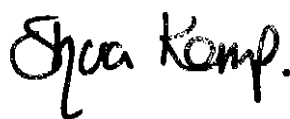
Combined Authority and South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11(5).

**25. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSONS**

To put questions, if any, to Cabinet Members and Committee Chairpersons (or their representatives) under Council Procedure Rules 11(1) and 11(3).

**26. URGENT ITEMS**

Any other public items which the Mayor determines are urgent.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Kemp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**SHARON KEMP,**  
Chief Executive.

**The next meeting of the Council will be on  
5 October 2022 at 2.00 p.m.**

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COUNCIL MEETING - 20/05/22

**COUNCIL MEETING****20th May, 2022**

Present:- Councillor Jenny Andrews (in the Chair); Councillors Alam, Allen, Atkin, Aveyard, Bacon, Baker-Rogers, Ball, Barker, Beck, Bennett-Sylvester, Bird, Brookes, Browne, Burnett, A Carter, C Carter, Clark, T. Collingham, Z. Collingham, Cooksey, Cowen, Cusworth, Elliott, Ellis, Fisher, Haleem, Havard, Hoddinott, Jones, Keenan, Khan, Lelliott, McNeely, Mills, Monk, Pitchley, Read, Reynolds, Roche, Sansome, Sheppard, Tarmey, Taylor, Tinsley, Wilson, Wooding, Wyatt and Yasseen.

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**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

**Resolved:-** That Councillor Tajamal Khan be elected Chairman of the Rotherham Borough Council for the ensuing Municipal Year and that he be entitled to the style of Mayor by virtue of Section 245(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Secunder:- Councillor Allen

Councillor Khan thereupon made and subscribed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

(Councillor Khan assumed the Chair)

**2. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR (COUNCILLOR JENNY ANDREWS)**

**Resolved:-** That the Council tender its sincere thanks to Councillor Jenny Andrews for the excellent manner in which she has carried out all her duties as Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham. And that the best thanks of this Council be recorded for the kind and admirable way in which Mrs. Jeanette Mallinder performed the duties of Mayoress and her exceptional support during the three years.

Mover:- Councillor Roche

Secunder:- Councillor Pitchley

**3. PRESENTATION OF THE PAST MAYOR'S PENDANTS**

The Mayor asked the Council to join him in offering his sincere thanks to Councillor Jenny Andrews for the excellent manner in which she had carried out all of her duties as Mayor and formally presented her and the Mayoress with their past Mayor's pendants.

**4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

**Resolved:-** That Councillor Robert Taylor be elected Vice-Chairman of the Rotherham Borough Council for the ensuing Municipal Year and that he be entitled to the style of Deputy Mayor by virtue of Section 245(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Mover:- Councillor Pitchley

Seconder:- Councillor Keenan

**5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Barley, Baum-Dixon, Castledine-Dack, Griffin, Hughes, Hunter, Thompson and Whomersley.

**6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest to report.

**7. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CADETS**

The Mayor formally announced the names of the Mayor's Cadets for the Municipal Year 2022/23 to the Council:-

- Air Force Cadets – Sergeant Abigail Fawdry
- Army Cadets – Cadet Courtney Martin
- Sea Cadets – Cadet 1<sup>st</sup> Class Brooke Matthewman

Cadet Courtney Martin and Cadet 1<sup>st</sup> Class Brooke Matthewman were continuing in their role of Mayor's Cadet having been appointed at the Council meeting in November 2021.

The Mayor invited Sergeant Fawdry to receive her Mayor's Cadet badge and certificate.

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**25th May, 2022**

Present:- Councillor Tajamal Khan (in the Chair); Councillors Andrews, Alam, Aveyard, Bacon, Baker-Rogers, Ball, Barker, Baum-Dixon, Beck, Bennett-Sylvester, Bird, Brookes, Browne, Burnett, A Carter, C Carter, Castledine-Dack, Clark, T. Collingham, Z. Collingham, Cooksey, Cusworth, Elliott, Ellis, Fisher, Griffin, Haleem, Havard, Hoddinott, Hughes, Hunter, Jones, Keenan, Lelliott, McNeely, Mills, Miro, Monk, Pitchley, Read, Reynolds, Roche, Sansome, Sheppard, Tarmey, Taylor, Tinsley, Wilson, Wyatt and Yasseen.

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**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor confirmed that he would continue with the tradition of reporting on his recent activities which would be attached to the Mayor's Letter from July 2022.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, wished to send his deepest sympathies and condolences to Councillor Barley and her family. He asked Councillor Z. Collingham to convey the Council's offers of support to Councillor Barley.

**9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen, Atkin, Barley, Cowen, Thompson, Whomersley and Wooding.

**10. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications received.

**11. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

**Resolved:-** That the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 13th April, 2022, be approved for signature by the Mayor.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Alam

**12. PETITIONS**

The Mayor introduced the report and confirmed the receipt of one petition received since the last Council meeting:

- Containing 66 signatures calling on the Council to install a zebra crossing on Flash Lane in Bramley.

As the lead petitioner Rachel Carter was unable to attend the meeting and address the Council, Councillor Reynolds (Ward Member for Bramley,) read out a statement on her behalf.

**Resolved:-**

- 1) That the report be received.
- 2) That the relevant Strategic Director be required to respond to the lead petitioner, as set out in the Petition Scheme, by Friday, 10th June, 2022.

**13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**14. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Three public questions had been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12:

(1) Mr. Tareen - What are the timescales respective to the commencement and completion of the drainage and walkways? We were informed a month ago that the process would be put into motion. As yet we have heard nothing about surveys, planning or budgeting. It's important to all for reasons of safety that this work should be completed by the end of this summer".

Mr. Tareen was not able to attend the meeting and as such, a response would be provided in writing.

(2) Mr. Kapoor stated that he wanted some clarity in regards to is the Muslim burial section in Herringthorpe a landfill site and if so since how long has this been the case ?

Mr. Kapoor was not able to attend the meeting and as such, a response would be provided in writing.

(3) Mr. Ahmed asked why, after serious concerns raised at the Muslim burial Section in Herringthorpe Cemetery which has been acknowledged by the Council and Dignity, are burials still taking place even though as we speak no concerns have been addressed?

Mr. Ahmed was not able to attend the meeting and as such, a response would be provided in writing.

**15. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items that required the exclusion of the press and public.



**16. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT**

The Leader explained that due to the length of the agenda, he would not be making a statement. Instead he invited questions relating to contemporary issues:

(1) Councillor Bennett-Sylvester asked a question in relation to the continuation of vouchers for meals during school holidays. He firstly explained how welcome it was but explained that, whilst parents were very grateful for the vouchers and the help they provided, it had been noted that a lot of the time, the vouchers were tied to one particular supermarket. On occasion, this meant some families were not getting the best value as they had to change where they usually shopped. Was there anyway the policy could be looked at to ensure families were given a choice of which supermarket they could use?

The Leader explained that, when the policy had been introduced, there were practical reasons for limiting the vouchers to certain supermarkets such as a supermarket being the closest to the schools where the voucher was issued. This had been considered to be the supermarket most likely to be used. However, the Leader stated that he would be happy to take the matter away and discuss with officers to see if there was any flexibility that could be built in. Councillor Bennett-Sylvester would then receive a written response.

(2) Councillor A. Carter stated that in recent weeks residents had been receiving letters from the Council regarding the Council Tax Rebate payments. The Government was funding the payments for Bands A-D but some households in Bands E-H had also received letters saying the Council was making a discretionary payment. He asked the Leader to explain the rationale behind that and what other options were looked at in terms of how to use that discretionary fund?

The Leader explained that most properties (excluding second homes) in Bands A-D were entitled to a £150 per household via the national scheme. That accounted for over 90% of households in the Rotherham Borough. Around 3,000 houses fell into Bands E-H. The Government had provided the Council with around £650,000 for discretionary funding. That discretionary funding could not be used for payments to properties in Bands A-D. The choice was then whether the Council should create a discretionary scheme for those households in Bands E-H (which would include some difficulties) or simply split the money across the properties, enabling all the households to receive some payment. The second option was chosen as it was seen as an easier solution for the residents. The households in Council Tax Bands E-H would, therefore, be receiving a payment of £90. This meant virtually every property in the Borough would be receiving some payment.

(3) Councillor Miro explained that there had been an accident in Waverley recently. There was significant damage to the cars involved but

no injuries. Residents questioned the lack of roads signs in Waverley and Councillor Miro wanted to raise their concerns and try and avoid future incidents. He asked for further information on the road signs?

The Leader explained that Councillor Beck would provide a written response.

(4) Councillor Reynolds asked why the Council seemed bent on making the same mistakes in Ravenfield as it did in Bramley? He explained that he drove passed the site on the day of the meeting and stated that it was actually in Bramley, not Ravenfield. He asked the Leader to explain where it was and why was it happening. The Council had been made aware of the chaos it would cause and the only alleviation proposed was an 18 inch widening of the little roundabout where the old hotel used to be. He asked what that would achieve with all the extra cars and called on the Leader to heed the warnings of the past. He said 2 wrongs would not make a right and he accused the Council of not listening to the residents of Bramley. The residents of Bramley did not want the development, had never wanted the development but were told they had to have it. Why did the Council not listen, please?

The Leader explained that issues relating to planning should be raised with either the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy or the Chair of Planning Board. However, in answering the question, the Leader explained that Rotherham Council, like all Councils, had to make sites available for development in order to keep a 15 year land supply. If the Council did not do this, the green belt could not be protected and development could take place anywhere. That site, therefore, had to be made available and the Government had to approve those plans. It took the best part of a decade to get through that process but that did not mean that the Leader thought every site was brilliant. However, the Council had to go through the process and allocate space to allow development. If this was not done, the green belt could not be protected. Those were the rules set out by Government.

The Leader said that he knew some Opposition Members had these difficult developments in their Wards and some were playing politics with those developments. The Leader further stated, that if they wanted to change the rules, they were welcome to try. But at the moment, those rules were in place and the Council having the Policies in place was in the best position to defend the green spaces.

In relation to which bit was Bramley and which part was Ravenfield, the Leader explained that there had been a referendum as part of the Community Governance Review. It came to Council and there were lengthy discussions. It was concluded that one side of the road fell within the Bramley Parish and the other side fell within the Ravenfield Parish.

There were two rounds of consultation and it was decided the boundary should remain where it was.

**17. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING**

**Resolved:-** That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 25th April, 2022, be received.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Sheppard

**18. OUTCOME OF THE WICKERSLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN REFERENDUM**

Consideration was given to the report which explained that Wickersley Parish Council had produced a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish area in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. The Plan had subsequently undergone a successful independent examination and referendum. In accordance with s.38a Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), the Council was required to make (adopt) the Plan as part of the Statutory Development Plan for Rotherham following the successful referendum.

The referendum had taken place on 5th May and the result was 1,455 in favour, 334 against and 22 ballot papers were rejected. Having achieved just over an 80% majority in favour, the Plan was successful. The Neighbourhood Planning Regulation required the Council to make the Neighbourhood Development Plan within 8 weeks of the date of the referendum.

At the meeting, Councillors Ellis, A. Carter and T. Collingham expressed their support for the Development Plan and thanked Wickersley Parish Council for their work. They noted that it was good to see local democracy in action and encouraged others to do the same.

**Resolved:-**

1) That the outcome of the Wickersley Neighbourhood Plan Referendum, as set out at paragraph 1.5, of the report be noted.

2) That the Wickersley Neighbourhood Development Plan be adopted as part of the statutory development plan for the Rotherham Borough.

Mover:- Councillor Lelliott

Seconder:- Councillor Sheppard

**19. MEMBERSHIP OF POLITICAL GROUPS ON THE COUNCIL, POLITICAL BALANCE AND ENTITLEMENT TO SEATS**

Consideration was given to the report that detailed the membership of political groups on the Council, political balance and the entitlement to seats on, and the proposed appointments to Committees, Boards and Panels.

It was noted that Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 placed a duty on local authorities to set out the principles to be followed when allocating seats to political groups and for these principles to be followed when determining such allocation following formal notification of the establishment of political groups in operation on the Council. It was noted further that there was a requirement on local authorities to annually review the entitlement of the political groups to seats on the committees of the Council.

The report stated that the allocation of seats must follow 2 principles:

- a) Balance must be achieved across the total number of available seats on Committees; and
- b) Balance must be achieved on each individual Committee or body where seats are available.

The report stated that there were presently 4 political groups in operation on the Council – the Labour Group (majority), Conservative Group (opposition), Liberal Democrat (LibDem) Group and Rotherham Democratic Party (RDP) Group – with one non-aligned Councillor (members who were not in a political group).

It was noted further that there were 149 seats available on Committees, Boards and Panels, and under the calculation the Labour Group was entitled to 83 seats, the opposition Group 45 seats, the LibDem Group 10 seats, the RDP Group 8 seats. Three seats had been allocated to the one non-aligned Councillor. This included Councillor Bennett-Sylvester replacing Councillor C. Carter on the Improving Lives Select Commission.

At the meeting Councillor Wyatt advised that he should be listed as a substitute Member of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Burnett thanked Councillor Wyatt for his support on the Improving Places Select Commission during his time as Vice-Chair. Councillor Cusworth thanked all Members involved in the review of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

**Resolved:-**

- 1) That the operation of 4 political groups on the Council and the detail of their designated Leaders be noted:
  - a) Labour Group – Councillor Chris Read (Leader of the Majority Group)
  - b) Conservative Group – Councillor Emily Barley (Leader of the Majority Opposition Group)
  - c) Liberal Democrat Group – Councillor Adam Carter (Group Leader)
  - d) Rotherham Democratic Party Group – Councillor Rob Elliott (Group Leader)
- 2) That the entitlement of the membership of the political groups be

agreed and such entitlements be reflected in Council's appointments of Members to Committees.

3) That approval be given to the appointment of Members to Committees, Boards and Panels, and the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs, as set out below:

**Cabinet**

Leader – Cllr Read

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Working – Cllr Allen

Cabinet Member for Children and Young People – Cllr Cusworth

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health – Cllr Roche

Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy – Cllr Lelliott

Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment – Cllr Beck

Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion – Cllr Sheppard

Cabinet Member for Housing – Cllr Brookes

Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance – Cllr Alam

**Audit Committee – 3L and 2C**

Cllr Baker-Rogers (Chair)

Cllr Cowen (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Mills

Cllr Wooding

Cllr Wyatt

**Licensing Board – 12L, 6C, 1LD, 1RDP and 1I**

Cllr Ellis (Chair)

Cllr Hughes (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Ball

Cllr Barker

Cllr Bennett-Sylvester

Cllr Browne

Cllr Castledine-Dack

Cllr Clark

Cllr Thomas Collingham

Cllr Cooksey

Cllr Haleem

Cllr Hoddinott

Cllr Jones

Cllr McNeely

Cllr Mills

Cllr Monk

Cllr Pitchley

Cllr Reynolds

**COUNCIL MEETING - 25/05/22**

Cllr Sansome  
Cllr Wyatt  
Vacancy

**Licensing Committee – 8L, 5C, 1LD and 1RDP**

Cllr Ellis (Chair)  
Cllr Hughes (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Ball  
Cllr Barker  
Cllr Browne  
Cllr Thomas Collingham  
Cllr Clark  
Cllr Cooksey  
Cllr Jones  
Cllr McNeely  
Cllr Mills  
Cllr Pitchley  
Cllr Reynolds  
Cllr Wyatt  
Vacancy

**Planning Board – 8L, 5C, 1LD and 1RDP**

Cllr Atkin (Chair)  
Cllr Bird (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Andrews  
Cllr Bacon  
Cllr Burnett  
Cllr Cowen  
Cllr Elliott  
Cllr Fisher  
Cllr Havard  
Cllr Keenan  
Cllr Khan  
Cllr Tarmey  
Cllr Taylor  
Cllr Wooding  
Vacancy

**Staffing Committee – 3L and 2C**

Cllr Alam (Chair)  
Cllr Allen (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Thomas Collingham  
Cllr Read  
Cllr Reynolds

**Standards and Ethics Committee – 4L, 2C, 1LD and 1I**

Cllr McNeely (Chair)  
Cllr Griffin (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Bacon  
Cllr Zachary Collingham  
Cllr Hughes  
Cllr Tarmey  
Cllr Yasseen  
Vacancy

Parish Councillor Dennis Bates  
Parish Councillor Dave Rowley  
Parish Councillor Richard Swann

Independent Members:  
Mrs. Adele Bingham  
Mr. Peter Edler  
Mrs. Mags Evers  
Ms. Kate Penney

Independent Persons:-  
Mr. Phil Beavers  
Mr. David Roper-Newman

**Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 7L, 3C, 1LD and 1RDP**

Cllr Clark (Chair)  
Cllr Thomas Collingham (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Baker-Rogers  
Cllr Baum-Dixon  
Cllr A. Carer  
Cllr Cooksey  
Cllr Cowen  
Cllr Elliott  
Cllr Pitchley  
Cllr Tinsley  
Cllr Yasseen  
Cllr Wyatt

**Health Select Commission – 10L, 5C, 2LD and 1RDP**

Cllr Yasseen (Chair)  
Cllr Baum-Dixon (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Andrews  
Cllr Barley  
Cllr Bird

**COUNCIL MEETING - 25/05/22**

Cllr A. Carter  
Cllr Cooksey  
Cllr Elliott  
Cllr Havard  
Cllr Hoddinott  
Cllr Griffin  
Cllr Keenan  
Cllr Miro  
Cllr Sansome  
Cllr Thompson  
Cllr Wooding  
Vacancy x 2

**Improving Lives Select Commission – 10L, 5C, 2RDP and 1I**

Cllr Pitchley (Chair)  
Cllr Cooksey (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Andrews  
Cllr Atkin  
Cllr Aveyard  
Cllr Bacon  
Cllr Barley  
Cllr Bennett-Sylvester – seat gifted to Non-aligned Member from the  
Liberal Democrat Group  
Cllr Zachary Collingham  
Cllr Elliott  
Cllr Griffin  
Cllr Haleem  
Cllr Hughes  
Cllr Jones  
Cllr McNeely  
Cllr Mills  
Cllr Thompson  
Vacancy

**Improving Places Select Commission – 10L, 5C, 1LD, 1 RDP and 1I**

Cllr Wyatt (Chair)  
Cllr Tinsley (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Aveyard  
Cllr Bennett-Sylvester – seat gifted to the Non-aligned Member from the  
Liberal Democrat Group  
Cllr Browne  
Cllr C. Carter  
Cllr Castledine-Dack  
Cllr Thomas Collingham  
Cllr Cowen  
Cllr Ellis



Cllr Havard  
Cllr Hunter  
Cllr Jones  
Cllr Khan  
Cllr McNeely  
Cllr Monk  
Cllr Reynolds  
Cllr Taylor

**Corporate Parenting Group – 3L and 2C**

Cllr Cusworth (Chair)  
Cllr Pitchley (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Browne  
Cllr Burnett  
Cllr Zachary Collingham

**Introductory Tenancy Review Panel – 2L, 1C and 1I**

Chair and Vice-Chair to be drawn from the Improving Lives Select Commission or Improving Places Select Commission

Cllr Bennett-Sylvester  
Cllr Tinsley

**Joint Consultative Committee – 3L and 2C**

Cllr Alam (Chair)  
Cllr Allen (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Clark  
Cllr Hunter  
Vacancy

**Health and Wellbeing Board**

Cllr Roche (Chair)

Cllr Cusworth  
Cllr Thompson (Observer)

4) That approval be given to the appointment of Members to joint committees, as set out below:

**South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Board**

Cllr Read  
Cllr Allen – Substitute

**South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Board Rotational Member**

Cllr Lelliott

**South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Local Enterprise Partnership Board**

Cllr Read

Cllr Allen – Substitute

**South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Housing and Infrastructure Board**

Cllr Brooks

Cllr Beck – Substitute

**South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Transport and Environment Board**

Cllr Read

Cllr Beck – Substitute

**South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Business Growth and Recovery Board**

Cllr Lelliott

Cllr Alam – Substitute

**South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Audit, Standards and Risk Committee**

Cllr Baker-Rogers

Cllr Barley

Cllr Wyatt - Substitute

Vacancy – Substitute

**South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Cllr Clark

Cllr Thomas Collingham

Cllr Wyatt – Substitute

Vacancy – Substitute

**South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority**

Cllr Ball

Cllr Sansome

**South Yorkshire Pension Authority**

Cllr Fisher  
Cllr Havard

**South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel**

Cllr Baum-Dixon  
Cllr Haleem

Councillor Bennett-Sylvester requested that his vote against the appointment of Scrutiny Chairs involving the Executive be recorded.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Sheppard

**20. DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE CHECKS ON COUNCILLORS**

Consideration was given to the report which had been submitted for information to confirm that all current Councillors serving on Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council had commenced the process to complete the checks on offences and convictions by the Disclosure and Barring Services.

In response to the findings of the Casey Review of corporate governance within Rotherham MBC, the Commissioners identified that all Councillors should be required to be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Services check, as part of rebuilding trust and confidence in the leadership of the authority.

This requirement was also included within recommendations in an Internal Audit report on Elected Member Conduct – April 2016.

The approach adopted in administering DBS checks was to require any Councillor elected following the May 2021 election to undertake a standard check through the Disclosure and Barring Service. Elected Members appointed to Corporate Parenting Panel were also asked to complete an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Services check as these Members have responsibility and oversight of issues in respect of Looked After Children.

At the time the report was written, with the exception of 2 checks that were yet to be completed, all other checks had been returned.

**Resolved:-**

- 1) That the report be noted.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Alam

**21. CLIMATE EMERGENCY ANNUAL REPORT**

On 25th April, 2022, Cabinet had resolved to submit the Climate Emergency Annual Report and associated decisions to the next Council meeting for information. Cabinet had resolved to:

1. Note the progress to date towards the NZ30 and NZ40 targets.
2. Note the progress against the actions from the 2021/22 Climate Emergency Action Plan.
3. Agree the approach laid out for continued development of the Council's response to the Climate Emergency, including an updated Action Plan in 2022.
4. Agree that the Climate Emergency Annual Report be submitted to the next Council meeting for information.
5. Agree that developments related to the Environment Bill and the subsequent impact on the waste and recycling strategies be submitted to the Improving Places Select Commission in due course.

The report had also been the subject of pre-decision scrutiny by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board at their meeting on 20th April, 2022.

At its meeting on 30th October, 2019, the Council declared a climate emergency and produced a policy and action plan "Responding to the Climate Emergency". This set out key policy themes of Energy; Housing; Transport; Waste; Built and Natural Environment; Influence and Engagement.

At its meeting on 23rd March, 2020, Cabinet resolved to establish the targets of:

- The Council's carbon emissions to be at net zero by 2030 (NZ30)
- Borough-wide carbon emissions to be at net zero by 2040 (NZ40)

A Climate Emergency Action Plan for 2021/22 was included in the previous Climate Emergency Annual Report on 22nd March, 2021. The report provided an update on progress against actions outlined in the 2021/22 Action Plan, with particular attention paid to baselining work, which would be an important factor in the continuing strategic development of the Council's response to the climate emergency. The report then outlined next steps on this agenda, particularly the ongoing development of a new Climate Emergency Action Plan.

Councillor Lelliott explained that a capital proposal for £6.4million had been approved as part of the budget for Phase 1 of the Heat Decarbonisation Plan. Energy performance upgrades had been delivered to 217 homes in The Lanes, East Dene. Further, more than 22,000 trees had been planted. The Youth Cabinet in Rotherham had questioned Council officers and Cabinet Members on the Climate Emergency as part of the Children's Takeover of the Overview and Scrutiny Management

Board.

In seconding the report, Councillor Roche explained that he had put forward the motion to declare a Climate Emergency in 2019 and acknowledged the progress and work done by Councillor Allen and Councillor Lelliott. Councillor Roche explained that work on the Climate Emergency would be good for public health.

Councillor Bennett-Sylvester thanked Councillor Lelliott for the invite to the Climate Change Working Group which was very constructive.

Councillor A. Carter offered his support for the report but stated that there was a need to move quicker in relation to the actions. He also asked that the Carbon Impact Assessments that accompanied Scrutiny and Cabinet reports be move comprehensive.

Councillor Reynolds stated that he believed the Council were being hypocrites be destroying the green belt in Ravenfield and Bramley.

Councillor Lelliott put on record her thanks to the Member Working Group and the Officer Working Group. It was explained that additional money had been invested to employ additional staff for climate change roles. Councillor Lelliott also explained that lots of green belt had been protected but that the Council had to accept some development or the right to refuse applications would be taken away and given to Government officials.

**Resolved:-**

- 1) That the report be noted.

Mover:- Councillor Lelliott

Seconder:- Councillor Read

**22. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS**

Further to Minute No. 55 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 19th November, 2018, consideration was given to the annual Ward updates for Greasbrough, Wickersley North and Boston Castle as part of the Thriving Neighbourhood Strategy.

The Strategy signalled a new way of working for the Council both for Members and for staff and covered every Ward in the Borough delivered through Ward Plans developed with residents to address local issues and opportunities. Ward Members were supported by the Neighbourhood Team and worked with officers and residents from a range of organisations to respond to residents.

Councillor Read explained that this item gave Members the opportunity to inform Council about the work that they are doing in their Wards and

communities. It was right that when spending public money and engaging with residents, the highlights be presented and Members be accountable for those decisions. The item allowed Members to talk about what they did most of the time which was directly representing their residents in their communities. When in political debates, this could be lost sight of.

Update reports had been provided as part of the agenda. However, each Ward Member was invited to speak.

#### Boston Castle

Councillors Alam, McNeely and Yasseen provide an update for Boston Castle Ward:

- There were five priorities for the Boston Castle Ward:
  - o Help communities to be safe and feel safe
  - o Ensure families are supported as we emerge from the pandemic
  - o Support initiatives which bring together new and existing communities in the Town Centre and beyond
  - o Work with communities to improve local green spaces; in particular Clifton Park, Boston Park and Herringthorpe Playing Fields
  - o Support initiatives designed to develop an understanding of, and involve, our diverse communities
- Work had also been done to support Rotherham Social Supermarket who provided food and support to the most vulnerable residents.
- The Community Summit, which had been postponed due to Covid-19, had been re-organised and would allow up to 20 community stakeholders the opportunity to come together and discuss issues which were important to them. The topic for the next summit would be the community recovering from the Pandemic. The topic would change for each summit.
- The 3 Councillors for Boston Castle were returning Councillors and therefore very much involved with residents.
- The diversity of the Ward was noted and celebrated. The community groups reflected that diversity.
- Thanks was given to the Neighbourhood Teams and thousands of residents and businesses whose hard work allowed good things to happen in the Ward.
- The compassion, community spirit and hard work of those residents and businesses made the work of Elected Members possible.
- Many residents were thanked personally.

#### Greasbrough Ward

Councillor Elliott provided an update for Greasbrough Ward:

- The report for Greasbrough was something to be very proud of.
- The team, Elected Members and Neighbourhood Officers, in Greasbrough had been working hard on all the priorities and plans.
- The local Police Officers attended local meetings and had a positive impact.

- Greasbrough was the perfect example of cross-party working. The Ward and its residents were always the most important.
- Planning ahead was essential. Plans from the last term of office were now coming to fruition and work was underway on plans for the next 4 years.

Wickersley North Ward

Councillors Ellis, Hoddinott and Read provided an update for Wickersley North Ward:

- Work focused on cleaner, greener, road safety, parking and life in residential areas.
- Community skips had been successful on multiple streets.
- Blitz days on alleyways where Streetpride staff attended and gave a boost to the community.
- Close work with the local PCSO, particularly on community speed watches.
- There was a particular challenge locally relating to off-road vehicles, specifically around the former Silverwood Pit site. Regular work was undertaken alongside the Police.
- Work was underway on highlighting the importance of the environment and of neighbours keeping connected on mental health.
- Work had taken place over many years on suicide awareness. This work would become even more important in the coming year due to the cost of living crisis. There was an excellent team in place in Rotherham that provided training on raising awareness.
- Neighbourhood Housing Officers were also thanked for their work in dealing with vulnerable residents.
- There had been lots of challenges through the Pandemic and Ward Members had helped residents through that.
- Sunnyside Supplies was a social supermarket and community café that offered support.
- In terms of getting people back out and together, Ward Members were working at tackling the isolation caused by the pandemic. At Sunnyside Supplies, the community café ran every Tuesday and was a good place for residents to meet up. There were amazing volunteers that helped run Sunnyside Supplies.
- A friendship bench had also been funded through the Ward budget along with bingo equipment.
- The Library had re-opened.
- Exciting plans, including bunting, were in place for the Jubilee weekend.

Thanks to all Neighbourhood Officers and local Police Officers were noted.

**Resolved:-**

- 1) That the reports be noted.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Alam

**23. NOTICE OF MOTION - NATURE CRISIS**

It was moved by Councillor Havard and seconded by Councillor Beck:

**That this Council:-**

Notes we are in the middle of a nature crisis. Almost half of all UK wildlife is in long term decline and 15% of species are at risk of extinction. The climate crisis is only hastening this destruction of the natural environment, damaging habitats and disrupting ecosystems. Yet it is these very habitats that have the potential to lock up carbon and fight back against rising global temperatures. It is essential that we not only protect these spaces, but let them thrive – for the benefit of people, planet and nature. We recognise that the terms Nature, Ecological and Biodiversity can be and are often used interchangeably by people and, for the purpose of this motion, all mean the same thing.

Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta's review into The Economics of Biodiversity, commissioned by Her Majesty's Treasury, highlighted that humanity does not exist in isolation from nature but sits within it. Nature is an asset on which all aspects of our society depends and with biodiversity declining faster than at any time in human history, we are undermining the productivity, resilience and adaptability that nature lends our society.

As we recover from the Covid-19 crisis, the need for nature-rich green spaces where we live and work is clearer than ever and will help health, education and the economy build back stronger. We recognise that the Climate and Nature emergencies are intrinsically linked with each other and also to social justice; and by building a better world to deal with the Climate and Nature Crises we will also be building a better society. We recognise that action must be taken now to remedy this and to put nature into recovery at a local level, not only to benefit Rotherham, but in support of regional, national and international work to do the same.

**This Council therefore notes and recognises that:**

- a) Nature is in long term decline and urgent action must be taken to reverse this
- b) A thriving natural environment underpins a healthy, prosperous society
- c) The nature and the climate crises are intrinsically linked and that the impacts of the climate crisis drive nature's decline, while restoring nature can help to tackle the climate crisis.
- d) Local people and groups have recognised the issues and have



declared a Nature Crisis for Rotherham themselves and call on the Council to do so too.

**This Council resolves to:**

1. Declare a Nature Crisis for Rotherham.
2. Ask the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to consider commissioning a review into how the Council can support improvements to ensure a more natural environment is enhanced.
3. Ensure our responsiveness on tackling climate change was extended to be complimentary to this separate but well aligned cause.
4. Continue to further our work on enhancing biodiversity by adopting innovative approaches to support wild flowered areas and ecological approaches to grounds maintenance.
5. Note the ongoing significant progress the Council is making through its Climate Change Action Plans for a carbon neutral Council by 2030 and Borough by 2040.

An amendment to the motion from the Liberal Democrat Group had been received. It was moved by Councillor Tarmey and seconded by Councillor A. Carter that the motion be amended as follows:-

**That this Council:-**

Notes we are in the middle of a nature crisis. Almost half of all UK wildlife is in long term decline and 15% of species are at risk of extinction. The climate crisis is only hastening this destruction of the natural environment, damaging habitats and disrupting ecosystems. Yet it is these very habitats that have the potential to lock up carbon and fight back against rising global temperatures. It is essential that we not only protect these spaces, but let them thrive – for the benefit of people, planet and nature. We recognise that the terms Nature, Ecology and Biodiversity can be and are often used interchangeably by people and, for the purpose of this motion, all mean the same thing.

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**[Insert] Bees and other pollinators play an essential role in the Earth's ecosystem being vital for our food crops, gardens, and countryside. Eighty percent of all crops reproduce as a result of the intervention of pollinators. The Government has estimated that this**

intervention is worth approximately £500 million to the UK food economy alone. The number of bees and other pollinator species has been in decline for many years. Substantial scientific evidence exists to attribute this decline to the use of insecticides (such as neonicotinoids), climate change and habitat destruction. Several herbicides in common use (for example, glyphosate) have also been shown to impact biodiversity and may pose a risk to human health. Every river in England is now polluted beyond legal limits and this pollution is mostly caused by sewerage discharge and the run-off of nutrients from farms. 36% of English rivers have been damaged by water companies. Government funding to the Environment agency to monitor river quality and hold water companies to account has dropped 75% in recent years.

As we recover from the Covid-19 crisis, the need for nature-rich green spaces where we live and work is clearer than ever and will help health, education and the economy build back stronger. We recognise that the Climate and Nature emergencies are intrinsically linked with each other and also to social justice; and by building a better world to deal with the Climate and Nature Crises we will also be building a better society. We recognise that action must be taken now to remedy this and to put nature into recovery at a local level, not only to benefit Rotherham, but in support of regional, national and international work to do the same.

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- d) Local people and groups have recognised the issues and have declared a Nature Crisis for Rotherham themselves and call on the Council to do so too.

**[insert] e) A recent decision by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in granting exemptions for the use of a neonicotinoid pesticide in the UK may have a significant impact on bee populations.**

**[insert] f) That there are technologies available to improve carbon sequestration, reduce flooding risk and improve biodiversity in our local communities.**

**This Council resolves to:**

1. Declare a Nature Crisis for Rotherham.
2. Ask the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to consider commissioning a review into how the Council can support improvements to ensure a more natural environment is enhanced.
3. Ensure our responsiveness on tackling climate change was extended to be complimentary to this separate but well aligned cause.
4. Continue to further our work on enhancing biodiversity by adopting innovative approaches to support wild flowered areas, **[insert] increase planting of pollinator-friendly plants (for example, blossom producing spring-flowering trees)** and ecological approaches to grounds maintenance.

**[insert] 5. Develop a plan to *reduce* the use of glyphosate based herbicides on all land that it manages, except where necessary in the control of Schedule 9 plants (under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981), or to prevent damage to council assets.**

**6. Trial the use of pesticide-free alternatives in the management of council owned land (as used by other local authorities).**

5.7 Note the ongoing significant progress the Council is making through its Climate Change Action Plans for a carbon neutral Council by 2030 and Borough by 2040.

**[insert] 7-8 Write to the secretary of state for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, calling on the government to fund research into the effects of neonicotinoids and glyphosate on the environment and human health.**

**9. Write to the chief executives of Yorkshire Water and Severn Trent Water calling for urgent action to address the impact of waste-water discharges on our local rivers.**

On being put to the vote, the amendment was lost. However, the Leader **agreed** to:

- Write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, calling on the Government to fund research into the effects of neonicotinoids and glyphosate on the environment and human health.
- Write to the chief executives of Yorkshire Water and Severn Trent Water calling for urgent action to address the impact of waste-water discharges on our local rivers.

On being put to the vote, the motion as submitted was declared as carried by majority.

**24. NOTICE OF MOTION - OFFSHORING UK ASYLUM SEEKERS TO RWANDA**

It was moved by Councillor Baker-Rogers and seconded by Councillor Cusworth:

**That this Council notes: -**

The Conservative Government is proposing to fly UK Asylum Seekers, who cross the English Channel in small boats, to Rwanda, 4,000 miles away at an estimated initial cost of £120 million. This practice of offshore processing UK Asylum Seekers, should their application be successful, would provide them with long-term accommodation in Rwanda.

Rwanda has been accused of human rights abuses on numerous occasions. In January 2021, the UN Human Rights Council was told by Julian Braithewaite, Director General for Europe at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, "We remain concerned... by continued restrictions to civil and political rights and media freedom. We urge Rwanda to model Commonwealth values of democracy, rule of law, and respect for human rights." The UK's International Ambassador for Human Rights, Rita French, has since expressed regret that Rwanda has so far largely ignored this advice. In addition, the US Government, in its most recent assessment of Rwanda, stated they had extensive concerns about their human rights practices.

Rwanda had a similar agreement, to offshore Asylum Seekers, with Israel, between 2014 and 2017 that failed. Almost all the 4,000 Asylum Seekers quickly left, to once again, try to travel to Europe. This journey, fraught with danger, left many at the mercy of human traffickers; the very people that the Conservative Government is claiming they are trying to protect UK Asylum Seekers from.

There is further evidence of the failure of detaining Asylum Seekers at offshore locations. In 2013, Australia introduced a policy of transporting Asylum Seekers fleeing war zones to camps in Papua New Guinea and Nauru. This process was widely condemned by refugee advocates, human rights groups, and the United Nations. The failure of these camps was marked by numerous major incidents of violence, riots, and even murder, and thirteen Asylum Seekers died. Australia ceased to transfer Asylum Seekers to Papua New Guinea as of the 31st December 2021.

The African Union has also objected to the transportation of Asylum Seekers from European Countries as "burden shifting." As recently as August 2021, the African Union condemned "in the strongest terms possible" Denmark's plans to send Asylum Seekers to Africa for processing.

Introducing offshore processing for UK Asylum Seekers, who only arrive by boat across the English Channel, is discriminatory practice. For those

who arrive by other routes or other countries, such as people fleeing the war in Ukraine, the Conservative Government is not only allowing them to stay but encouraging the British public to house them. The UK has a proud tradition of providing protection for UK Asylum Seekers wherever they have fled from. Only offshoring those who arrive by boat crossing the English Channel, introduces fragility to this proud customary practice.

In summary, the practice of offshoring Asylum Seekers, has been shown on numerous occasions to fail. It is not wanted by the African Union, is discriminatory, incredibly expensive, and puts the very people that the Conservative Government is claiming to protect, at significant personal risk.

**Therefore, this Council resolves to:**

1. Call on the Government not to fly any UK Asylum Seekers to Rwanda.
2. Call on the Government to process all UK Asylum Seeker applications in the UK, through a system that enables right to stay decisions to be made quickly, whilst safeguarding their human rights.
3. Request that the Leader of the Council writes to the Government expressing this Council's support for a national asylum dispersal system, ensuring that every part of the country plays its role, alongside Rotherham, in meeting the needs of those people fleeing persecution.

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared as carried by majority.

Councillor Bennett-Sylvester asked that his vote in support of the motion be minuted.

**25. NOTICE OF MOTION - TREE AND WOODLAND MANAGEMENT**

It was moved by Councillor Baum-Dixon and seconded by Councillor Castledine-Dack:

Over 70% of Rotherham Borough is classified as Green and its many trees and woodland areas have positive environmental, physical and mental health benefits. The Council is committed to planting many more trees to tackle the declared Climate Emergency and is responsible for the care and maintenance of tree stock and woodland areas.

Some residents have raised concerns that certain trees and woodland areas need to be more proactively maintained by the Council.

There are trees in areas of our Borough that are of a disproportionate size and too closely located to residents' houses and gardens. Examples include those on Anston Plantation and The Steadlands, Rawmarsh. Such trees have caused significant issues for residents, including blocking

light and heat, interference with telephone signal, overhanging branches, undue leaf fall in gardens, and damage to properties, fencing and equipment from falling branches and trees. Many are of a type and location that would not be permitted under current planting practices.

Many of these issues present a significant health and safety risk, highlighted during recent storms when several such trees fell, causing damage to properties and crashing into internal rooms. They also cause residents undue stress and anxiety, creating noise in high winds, fear of injury, damage to property and undermining their quality of life. The impact is more acute for many elderly residents, for whom this anxiety is coupled with a fear of slipping on an undue leaf fall and suffering serious injury, compromising their amenity.

The Council's Tree Management Protocol and Guidance currently places a disproportionate emphasis on the arboricultural needs of trees. It does not sufficiently consider the welfare, interests and views of residents living in close proximity and the exceptions to the policy of non-removal of trees are too narrow and inflexible. Residents feel that their needs and views are not given appropriate weight in the decision-making process and the current Protocol allows for these to be ignored, providing an excuse for inaction.

A more proactive Protocol, that gives greater consideration and weight to residents' concerns, would improve their health and safety and quality of life, cut the costs of reactive maintenance, and minimise property repairs and insurance claims. It would also give the public a greater stake in tree management, improving engagement and public confidence and engendering greater support for sensible tree planting in line with the Council's targets.

Therefore, this Council will:

1. Undertake a review of the current Tree Management Protocol and Guidance to ensure that it:
  - a) Follows best practice;
  - b) Maximises opportunities to seek the views of residents living in close proximity to trees and woodland;
  - c) Ensure the Council always acts as a "good neighbour" when dealing with residents in connection with trees and woodlands, undertaking proper consultation, keeping them informed of actions, dealing with issues promptly and circulating the results of any tree and woodlands surveys to proximate residents;
  - d) Provides the flexibility to give appropriate weight to the nature and scale and resident concern and, where sufficient, attribute this equal or greater weight than the arboricultural needs of trees;

- e) Recognises the potential serious impact poorly managed trees can have on residents' quality of life, including through secondary burdens like heavy leaf fall, and provides flexibility to act on this basis;
- f) Provide scope for existing trees and woodland that breach current planting and location practice to be actively managed back in line with this, including pruning, felling, re-siting and/or replacement with more appropriate tree types in full consultation with proximate residents.

Following debate, the motion was put to the vote and was declared lost.

**26. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Resolved:-** That the report, recommendations and minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Baker-Rogers

Second:- Councillor Wyatt

**27. PLANNING BOARD**

**Resolved:-** That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meeting of the Planning Board be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Bird

Second:- Councillor Sansome

**28. LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Resolved:-** That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Ellis

Second:- Councillor Hughes

**29. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS**

There were no questions.

**30. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSONS**

**(1) Councillor Atkin** had submitted a question asking what the opinion of the Council's external auditors was on the sufficiency of the Council's reserves?

As Councillor Atkin was not present at the meeting, a response would be provided in writing.

**(2) Councillor Ball** stated that this Council adopted the IHRA after accusing a member of public of bringing it up due to it being political at the time. The Leader said it would not be adopted unless a complaint had

been made. Can the Leader inform how many complaints have been made regarding anti-semitism between the question asked and adopting the definition?

The Leader stated that that was a caricature of what he had said. There were no complaints received by the Council regarding anti-semitism between the member of the public asking the question and the adoption of the IHRA.

In his supplementary, Councillor Ball asked why the IHRA was not accepted in the first place. He had been to Auschwitz and come back to realise the Council had no definition in place. He asked the Council to adopt it and the Leader had flatly turned it down. Why was that?

The Leader explained discussions were had at the time and at the time of the adoption. There had been other things that had happened in the country at large and it had been adopted by the Combined Authority. That led to the Council adopting it around 6 months after Councillor Ball had asked the question.

**(3) Councillor Castledine-Dack** asked for an update on the master plan for Dinnington?

Councillor Lelliott explained that a draft masterplan for Dinnington was in development and was being informed by the ongoing work to produce a Round 2 Levelling Up Fund bid.

The draft masterplan boundary covered the High Street and immediate areas from St Leonard's Church at the south end of the High Street up to Dinnington Resource Centre.

In consultation with Elected Members and the local community, the masterplan aims to make the High Street more attractive, support local business, and improve visitor experience in order to sustain a vibrant local centre in Dinnington.

The masterplan would serve as a road map to deliver the changes that were wanted and needed in the area and attract any available funding in the future.

At this moment in time the Council were concentrating on and prioritising a successful second round Levelling Up Fund bid which had to be submitted in July.

Once that bid had been submitted it would be all steam ahead on the Masterplan. Work would continue with the Dinnington Ward Councillors to make sure that the people of Dinnington got what they wanted.

In her supplementary, Councillor Castledine-Dack confirmed that that



information had already been fed into discussions between the Cabinet Member and Ward Members for Dinnington. She asked if the Levelling Up Fund bid for the starting point which the Masterplan would then follow?

Councillor Lelliott answered yes and no. The Levelling Up Fund would go in and then the Council would concentrate on and consult around the Masterplan. Ideas for the Levelling Up Fund bid would feed into the Masterplan but the Masterplan would be a comprehensive plan for all of Dinnington that sets aside some of the Levelling Up things but would build on that to be bigger, bolder and better.

**(4) Councillor Castledine-Dack** stated that Outgang Lane in Laughton Common was an extremely busy connecting road between Dinnington and Thurgroft. What was the Council doing to improve the safety of this road?

Councillor Beck explained that he knew this issue was important to Councillor Castledine-Dack as she had raised it with him last week in an email. On that section of Outgang Lane there had been several improvements over recent years, including a roundabout, zebra crossing and pedestrian refuges which had all followed the development of Laughton Common. In the coming days all Members would be emailed to ask for suggestions for concerns around road safety in their own Wards. Councillor Beck encouraged Councillor Castledine-Dack to put this location forward if that was one of her concerns.

**(5) Councillor Castledine-Dack** stated that grass verges on estates like Limelands are [or they were at the time the question was written] extremely overgrown. What planning had the Council done to ensure that our communities remained tidy during the summer months?

Councillor Beck stated that quite a lot had been done. He was sure colleagues in the Chamber would remember the half a million pounds of investment that was brought forward a couple of months ago, investing in the Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Services of the Council. That was a budget that Opposition Members voted against but it did not matter as it went through.

The budget allowed for more grass cutting, increasing eventually to 10 per year, more weed treatment etc.

In terms of Limelands particularly, events had superseded the question as work had been carried out on Limelands the previous week.

**(6) Councillor Bennett-Sylvester** asked could the Cabinet Member please report on the progress of the consultation over the REACH Service and advise on the next steps?

Councillor Roche warmly thanked all those that had submitted

questionnaires and were engaged in the consultation. As many people had been reached out to as possible. The consultation had now finished and had been conducted over a period of 90 days and included face-to-face public meetings; online submissions with assistance from the Library Service and other support sessions; networking group discussions and individual, one to one, consultations. A Members Seminar had also been held with little contribution from some political parties.

The responses and analysis of the consultation would now inform the proposals for a Cabinet report due for submission in September 2022 that will recommend proposals for the building of a new day service to meet the needs of those with a Learning Disability and/or Autism with high support requirements. As part of that, Councillor Roche and some colleagues would travel to Liverpool in the near future to visit a newly opened similar centre and learn from their experience.

The final stages of the process moving towards the final report would be done in co-production with those involved.

In his supplementary question, Councillor Bennett-Sylvester thanked the Cabinet Member for the critical friendship and good discussion they had had on this issue over the past few months. It was explained that the Service had encountered difficulties in relation to the prosecution of the former manager. Carers had pointed out that when the REACH Service was searched for online, it was mainly press reports relating to the abuse trial. They had suggested that with a fresh start should come a fresh name. He asked for Councillor Roche's opinion on that point.

Councillor Roche explained that he was very sorry that those events had taken place but was very pleased that the whistle-blowers felt that they could report the matter to senior officers. Councillor Roche fully understood and sympathised with the concerns raised by the users regarding looking to the future. He thought a change of name was very important and would support such a move.

**(7) Councillor Castledine-Dack** stated that waste bins and dog waste bins were overflowing in Dinnington, especially on estates. The Council said that they could not increase bin numbers due to staffing constraints, but did the solar bins not reduce the need for operatives, thereby allowing for reallocation of operatives to traditional bins?

Councillor Beck agreed. In relation to the substantive issue regarding overflowing bins, as the rollout of the solar bins took place alongside the replacement of the older "other" bins, there was an issue of frequency and where the frequency needed tweaking and how often the bins were emptied needed changing, it was an ongoing matter throughout every year. This was because some locations were used more than others so the Council needed to be able to respond to that.

Councillor Beck encouraged Councillor Castledine-Dack to raise any

specific issues/locations with the Service or himself.

**(8) Councillor Bennett-Sylvester** stated that he had had e-mails and casework responses from officers on Sundays and late weekday evenings. What was the Council doing to monitor and ensure work pressures were not compelling officers to answer e-mails in non-working hours?

Councillor Alam explained that a large proportion of officer roles work included flexible working and, therefore, did not necessarily work a standard 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. day. Hybrid working built upon previous flexible working policies and supported a culture of working wherever, whenever officers wanted to work.

However, Councillor Alam explained that the Council were committed to the health and wellbeing of its officers and promoted this through the Discover Wellbeing Programme. All managers were responsible for managing their staff and took seriously their responsibilities for health and wellbeing. Work was also done with Trade Unions to make sure officers had that balance.

In his supplementary question, Councillor Bennett-Sylvester stated that some officers felt that working from home had impacted their work/life balance. Another issue that had been expressed was the way Elected Members put demands on officers and Councillor Bennett-Sylvester asked if there was any best practice following the conversations with Trade Unions about how Elected Members could best address case work so that officers did not feel any additional pressure to respond outside of normal hours.

Councillor Alam explained that no issues had been raised as yet but he would take the matter to the Trade Union Joint Consultative Committee for discussion.

**(9) Councillor Bennett-Sylvester** stated that many of the estates were built when there was no expectation of working class families owning a car, never mind two or more, leading to several problems from neighbour disputes to affecting the desirability of some properties and streets. What in your opinion could be done to improve the parking situation on council estates where these problems arose?

Councillor Lelliott explained that it was a real challenge and there were no easy answers. There were many streets across the Borough that were very narrow and where there was not much parking.

Where vehicular parking obstructed the safe and free-flow of traffic, waiting restrictions, such as double yellow lines, could be introduced. "H-Bars" could be put across residents' drives to stop them being blocked in.

Where estates suffered from all-day commuter parking then Resident

Only Parking zones could be investigated and consulted upon with residents in those areas. These were subject to an annual fee which could be off-putting but where those could be put in, the Council would do so but it was up to the communities affected to decide whether they want that scheme in their area.

The issue that had been raised could also lead to nuisance pavement parking, and the Council was looking to begin introducing more localized restrictions to prevent this. Beyond that the Council were open to ideas.

In his supplementary question, Councillor Bennett-Sylvester explained that these parking issues did impact the desirability of some areas, particularly parts of East Herringthorpe. He asked whether, if capital were to arise, could off-street parking be an option to make properties more desirable and alleviate some of the problems, particularly with vehicle charging coming in the future?

Councillor Lelliott agreed that she and Councillor Brooks would pick up this matter with Councillor Bennett-Sylvester outside of the meeting.

**(10) Councillor Ball** asked whether the Council would look at implementing a clean air zone for Hellaby with it being in close proximity of the M18 and the very busy A631?

Councillor Beck explained that Councillor Ball had copied him into an email that he sent officers on this matter a few weeks ago. The response was received on 4th May, 2022, which stated that the Council had been monitoring this area since October 2021 and looking at the most recent data available, which was the 3 months from October to December, 2021, the mean monthly measure for Nitrogen Dioxide was below the national standard that would allow for the introduction of a clean air zone in that area.

**(11) Councillor Ball** asked had the aquifer situated on Cumwell Lane been included into the plans for the new development that was going to be situated on it?

As Councillor Atkin was not present at the meeting, a written response would be provided to Councillor Ball.

**(12) Councillor Ball** stated that recently he requested a bin, but he was knocked back for this with an officer stating that "because [he] had received a solar bin they had removed 2 normal bins." Could the council provide a list of how many bins have been removed in each Ward due to the implementation of these solar bins?

Councillor Beck explained that part of the whole ethos around introducing the solar bins was around rationalisation. As such, on occasion, more than one bin had been removed to be replaced with the single solar bins that were being introduced. This had largely been successful. Councillor

Beck was aware that Councillor Ball had raised this a number of times with officers as he had been copied into emails. One of the responses from the Head of Service recently stated that there was the opportunity for Councillor Ball to have bins re-sited.

In his supplementary, Councillor Ball stated that he did not think his question had been answered. He stated that he had been asking for the business plan for solar bins for around a month and had not been provided with it as the officer responsible could not find it as it was before his time in post. Councillor Ball stated that, had he known that the introduction of one solar bin would result in the loss of two “normal” bins, he would have kept the original bins. He asked if he could see the business plan?

Councillor Beck explained that this matter had been dealt with before Councillor Ball had been elected as a Councillor. Members had, over the last 18-24 months, received emails informing them about the plans, in relation to bins, for their Wards. These emails stated which bins would be removed, which bins would be replaced with a solar bin and how many would be removed as a result.

The business case had been gone through but due to timings, Councillor Ball had missed out on seeing that. However, Councillor Beck reiterated that he wanted to work with Members and all residents across the Borough to ensure that they were happy with the approach. Where there were issues, and there would undoubtedly be, it was important that they were dealt with. Members did not need to wait for a Council meeting to raise these issues. It was acknowledged that Councillor Ball had raised the issue outside of the meeting.

Councillor Beck explained that officers were trying to accommodate requests and an offer had been made to Councillor Ball to replace the bins and that offer stood.

**(13) Councillor Miro** asked, in view of Mr. Alex Stafford MP getting involved between Harworth and the Waverley Juniors Academy regarding the number of children on the Waverley estate who did not get a place at WJA, could he ask where the Council were at with trying to accommodate those children in temporary classrooms for the academic year starting this September?

Councillor Cusworth explained that the Department for Education (DfE) had made their position clear in that there was no projected shortfall of available places in the wider Planning Area that Waverley Junior Academy sits within for the foreseeable future (up until 2025/26) with approximately 20% surplus capacity currently in place across schools in this area.

Therefore, the Government's views was that it was reasonable to expect parents who failed to secure their preferred school of Waverley Junior

Academy to take up places at one of these other schools and not to expand any schools.

There were 2 immediate challenges; firstly, that the DfE criteria would not permit Government funding for temporary classrooms. And secondly, the consequences of moving children would be immediate and damaging to the other local schools where they had been allocated places. Resolving these twin issues would require special dispensation and funding arrangements from the DfE.

The Council has reached out to Mr. Stafford MP to help facilitate conversations with Ministers and DfE officials to help progress this and which Council officers would support.

Beyond this immediate question, officers continued to work with the Principal Developer, Harworth, in relation to a variation to the current Section 106 funding agreement to bring about an earlier release of funding for the next phase of creating additional permanent primary school places on the Waverley estate.

It should be noted that the developer has met its obligation to provide primary school places aligned to the occupation of 2,000 dwellings in line with the national formula for pupil school place planning. There were currently significantly less than 2,000 dwellings built and occupied at Waverley at this present time.

**(14) Councillor Bacon** asked what was the Council doing to ensure it took a proactive approach in its responsibility to maintain the Borough to a high standard, so it could attract new enterprise and opportunity for residents?

Councillor Beck explained that, as previously mentioned, there had been extra investment of around half a million pounds in the budget as well as the additional funding of £24m to 2024 Roads programme. That built upon millions of pounds that proceeded that to improve the condition of the road network that everyone was benefitting from. It had been a huge success.

In addition, work continued with Elected Members through Neighbourhood working via the zonal working approach, which was where officers in localities worked with local Members to ensure issues were hot spotted and attention could be given to improve the Borough.

In his supplementary, Councillor Bacon explained that his question related to proactive measures. One example was of the pro-Russian Government 'Z' propaganda symbols that had been graffitied around the Town Centre. They were up for far too long. Councillor Bacon had seen one and reported it on Sunday. He asked that surely a more proactive response was required to sustain the appeal of the Town Centre?

Councillor Beck condemned graffiti of any kind and thanked Councillor Bacon for referring this issue to officers. Councillor Beck confirmed that he would follow up the matter to ensure the Council was as responsive as it could be with the resources it had.

**(15) Councillor Bacon** stated that he has received numerous reports of injuries due to potholes on pavements in Aston and Todwick. When could residents expect to see greater priority given to pavement repairs?

Councillor Beck explained that in the coming year, the Council was bringing forward £800,000 investment in repair of footways across the Borough. This was part of the wider programme on roads. There had been huge success in reducing the number of slips, trips and falls on the highway, which included footways, to an all-time low. In 2021/22 there were just 147 claims which resulted in costs of just £80. That was a reduction of over £100,000 over the last 6 years.

In relation to the question regarding Aston and Todwick, Councillor Beck stated that the Aston and Todwick Ward would have 40% of the footways resurfaced in 2022/23. This included footways on 15 roads in Todwick. As a former Councillor for Todwick, Councillor Beck knew that to be around two-thirds of Todwick village. Todwick had, therefore, done quite well out of the Labour Council budget.

In his supplementary question, Councillor Bacon stated that they appreciated the support in Todwick but surely it was too late? There had been injuries and the reason Todwick required so much work on its footways was because it had been allowed to get too bad in the first place. Could a more proactive response be taken?

Councillor Beck was pleased that Councillor Bacon welcomed the policies and initiatives done by the Labour Council.

**(16) Councillor Tinsley** asked, with any new large-scale housing developments, was there any way to encourage or make it a requirement of the developers to install a Community Accessible Defibrillator?

Councillor Lelliott explained that unfortunately, there was nothing in national or local planning policy that would enable the Council to put a requirement on a developer to provide a community defibrillator as part of a planning application.

As anyone who sat on the Planning Board would know, matters had to be material considerations to be discussed. This was not a material consideration but Councillor Lelliott agreed to go back to the Planning Service and encourage them to ask developers at the pre-planning stage to include Community Accessible Defibrillators in their developments. It would be voluntary and a choice for the developer to make.

In his supplementary, Councillor Tinsley stated that the cabinet and

defibrillators usually cost around £800-£900 and when spread as a management charge across developments it would be a cost of pence per house. He asked if he could talk to the Cabinet Member outside of the meeting and get the matter progressed?

Councillor Lelliott replied that she would be happy to discuss the matter outside of the meeting and reiterated that should would speak to Planning Officers.

**(17) Councillor Tinsley** stated that weeds along walls and pavements were continuing to be a big problem around Maltby with some now being over a metre tall. When would the Council get on top of this?

Councillor Beck explained that the Council could get on top of it as soon as Members confirmed the specific locations that were being referred to. It was acknowledged that the weeds were at their longest at this time of year due to the rain and warm weather. The new quad bike had been out and about already which helped weed the pavements and the roads. If there were any specific locations where this did not appear to be taking place, Councillor Beck asked Members to let him know.

In his supplementary, Councillor Tinsley stated that everywhere in Maltby was a problem at the moment. The weeds had gone past the point where they needed spraying, they actually needed pulling out. Councillor Tinsley asked how the Council was going to get on top of this?

Councillor Beck emphasised the need for the help of Members. Issues relating to Street Cleansing and Ground Maintenance in communities did not need to wait to be raised at a Council meeting but needed to be reported to the relevant Service who would respond in good time. If that did not work, Councillor Beck encouraged Members to report matters to him and he would follow them up.

**(18) Councillor Jones** stated that over the last 2 years, the Council had consistently maintained that they did not own the accessway between Droppingwell Road and Grange Landfill Ltd site. He asked if this was correct and could the Cabinet Member tell him who the Council believed did own the accessway?

Councillor Beck explained that the Council had not maintained that it did not own the access. What the Council had consistently maintained was that, whilst it owned the land over which the access ran, it had no responsibility for the physical surface of the road and no duty to maintain access.

The access road to the Grange Landfill site was on land owned by the Council and the owner of the tip had a right of way over the land. The Council had a duty not to obstruct the use of the access way, but it had no duty to maintain the access route in a useable condition. The Council was not, therefore, responsible for the access road itself.



In his supplementary, Councillor Jones stated that there had finally been an admittance that the Council owned the accessway. He also stated following the repeated denials that he had received regarding the ownership of the access road, the Council had produced documents showing that they had contracted the contractor that laid the tarmac on the road on behalf of Millmoor Juniors FC. He asked the Cabinet Member to explain why the Council thought that it could give permission to use the accessway to third parties if indeed they maintained that they did not own the road?

Councillor Beck reiterated that the Council did own the road but was not responsible for its maintenance. Councillor Beck was sure that could be understood to see a situation whereby the people and organisations with responsibility for maintaining the road had sought the counsel of the Council as to how they could go about doing that and discharge their duties in relation to it. If the Council has helped those parties out, Councillor Beck saw no problem with that.

**(19) Councillor Jones** asked if he or any member of the public wanted to hold an event on Council land, maybe a park, could he be advised who would give that permission and what documentation would he be required to provide?

Councillor Sheppard explained that for anyone wishing to host an event on Council-owned land there was an Event Application process which was dealt with by the Council's Events Team. This included events taking place in Town Centres, Parks and Green Spaces and Public Highways.

In his supplementary question, Councillor Jones explained that he would be expected to provide a full risk assessment if he wanted to hold an event on Council-owned land. However, in an email exchange with the Monitoring Officer last week, Councillor Jones was advised that a motion he wanted to submitted for this meeting could not go forward because it was believed that the Council did not hold the power to require anybody to submit a full risk assessment to travel over Council land or use that land. He asked the Cabinet Member to explain what the difference was between a member of the public and a landfill company?

Councillor Sheppard explained that he had not had sight of any of the emails referred to but would be happy to look at them if Councillor Jones would send them onto him. A written response would then be provided.

**(20) Councillor Jones** stated that in 2020, RMBC undertook a risk assessment of the accessway at Grange Park and, as part of that assessment, several mitigating actions were recommended. He asked the Cabinet Member to explain why 2 years later none of these had been implemented?

Councillor Beck explained that it was not the responsibility of the Council

that they be implemented.

In his supplementary, Councillor Jones explained that in 2020, the vehicle movements on the site were light in comparison to today. There were now up to 200 vehicle movements a day. In 2020, when the risk assessment was carried out, Grange Landfill accepted 40 lorry loads of blast furnace slag from the Westgate site yet it was still recommended that several mitigating factors would be needed to make the route safe. Could the Cabinet Member explain if this would be okay in a green flag park like Clifton Park or were the Council waiting for someone to get badly injured before acting?

Councillor Beck explained again that it was not the responsibility of the Council to implement what was found in the risk assessment. The Council was just trying to be helpful as it was Millmoor Juniors and MHH Contracting Limited who had to comply with their duties in respect of Health and Safety and in ensuring matters established in the risk assessment were dealt with and implemented.

The Council had asked to have sight of their own risk assessment and offered to broker any conversations with a view to assisting in the implementation of any of the measures recommended. The Council had not received any response to the correspondence but was just trying to be helpful in ensuring that third parties were compliant.

**(21) Councillor Jones** asked, since 2016, had the Council signed any "Right of access agreements" with Grange Landfill Ltd.?

Councillor Beck explained that the Council granted a number of short licence agreements to MHH Contracting between October 2016 and March 2017.

In his supplementary, Councillor Jones explained that a Right of Access Agreement was something that a Court of Law could consider should the land owner and the person/party using the access not agree on the use of that access. As part of the consideration, the Court must also consider whether the granting of that right of way would inadvertently effect the neighbours of the land and have a detrimental effect on the public's right of enjoyment of the asset. If so, a consultation process must take place. Could the Cabinet Member explain if the Council had consulted as it was also agreed by the Council in a motion in 2020?

Councillor Beck explained that the licensing agreement referred to was granted without prejudice to any legal arguments from either party. It was not the Council granting any longstanding permissions but was simply the Council protecting its own position at the time whilst legal advice was sought. That legal advice stated that they were able to use the access road. Therefore, no licence agreement was necessary.

**(22) Councillor Jones** stated that the Council had maintained they had no way of placing conditions on the accessways use. He asked if the Cabinet Member could confirm if they had investigated using a Court Order for excessive use?

Councillor Alam explained that there were no conditions attached to the use of the access road and, therefore, such action would not be possible.

In his supplementary, Councillor Jones stated that there were now over 200 vehicle movements a day on the accessway. In 1958, a Waste Licence allowed for up to 25 vehicle movements. This remained the case until modification number 7 where it was written in the margin that there should be an increase of up to 40. This was never enacted. There was also a difference in the size of the lorries visiting the site from 4 tonnes to 30 tonnes. Councillor Jones personally classed that as excessive use. He asked the Cabinet Member to explain why the Council had not applied for a Court Order?

Councillor Alam explained that, as previously mentioned, there were no conditions placed on the access road and, therefore, there were no legal actions to take.

**31. URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items for consideration.

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9<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Mr Farooq Tareen

Dear Mr Tareen

**Council Question – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May as follows:

*What are the timescales respective to the commencement and completion of the drainage and walkways. We were informed a month ago that the process would be put into motion. As yet we have heard nothing about surveys, planning or budgeting. It's important to all for reasons of safety that this work should be completed by the end of this summer".*

I agree that it is important that the works are completed before the end of summer. As you will be aware meetings have been held with Council drainage engineers and Dignity's property department to develop a plan of action in respect of the installation of drainage and footpaths.

Surveys have been conducted of the site. Work is estimated to begin on site by July 2022 and be completed before the end of September 2022.

I hope that you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely



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Mr Shinjini Kapoor

Dear Mr Kapoor

**Council Question – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May as follows:

*I want some clarity in regards to, is the Muslim burial section in Herringthorpe a landfill site and if so since how long has this been the case?*

I can confirm that the Muslim burial section at East Herringthorpe is not and has never been used as a site for landfill.

I hope that you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely



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Mr Ahmed

Dear Mr Ahmed

**Council Question – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May as follows:

*After serious concerns raised at the Muslim burial Section in Herringthorpe Cemetery which has been acknowledged by the council and Dignity why are burials still taking place even though as we speak no concerns have been addressed?*

I want to assure you that action is already being taken.

- Independent site investigations have been carried out to test the soil and water on site.
- And based on the results of laboratory testing, the issue has been identified as groundwater.
- Lined graves currently being used have been observed to be completely dry and so suitable for burial.

As I have said, more works are planned through the summer to address the concerns that we all have, but no one is being buried in an inappropriate grave.

I have asked officers to meet with concerned residents in the next few weeks to discuss any questions or concerns they may have in more detail.

I hope that you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely



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23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

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Dear Cllr Bennett- Sylvester

**Supplementary Question – Council Meeting, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Thank you for your supplementary question at Council on 25<sup>th</sup> May regarding whether the policy for free school meal vouchers could be changed to ensure that families were given a choice of which supermarket they could use.

I've now had chance to check with Children's Services in relation to your question. The way that the scheme operates, the council provides funding to schools who then take responsibility for purchasing and distributing the vouchers. Contrary to what I had understood, some schools do seemingly provide vouchers that are valid across a number of different supermarket brands.

Officers tell me that they consistently request that schools make the vouchers or support provided through this programme as accessible as possible for families who receive the vouchers and have asked that all steps are taken to make sure that the vouchers purchased are linked to supermarkets that are both in the locality of the school but also offers the best possible value to maximise the impact of this support. The feedback has been consistent, and the schools align with this expectation although there are some challenges i.e., special schools and pupil referral units that have school communities spread right across the borough.

As part of the investment of support across the impending summer break, I have asked that Nathan Heath, Assistant Director, Education and Inclusion uses the next school leaders update to reiterate the expectation that schools make this programme of support as accessible as possible for the families that need this support the most.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Councillor Miro  
Elected Member

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Dear Councillor Miro

**Council Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

I refer to the concerns you raised at a recent Council meeting about traffic signs in the Waverly area.

I've checked with officers and have been advised that to ensure continuity of signing and lining throughout the country, all traffic signs and road markings have to comply with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of State for Transport. These regulations set out details of what signing, and lining can be used and their locations.

Officers tell me that in the case of the new Waverley estate, many of the newer roads are not yet adopted, consequently Rotherham Borough Council acting as Highway Authority has no jurisdiction over them, at this time. However, once the roads are finally completed and the adoption process has commenced, they will be inspected to ensure they are built to the correct standards and any signing and lining is compliant with the regulations. Any road not meeting the required standards will not be adopted by Rotherham Council until this has been corrected.

I've been advised that information obtained about the incident you referred to, indicates that it took place on a road that wasn't fully surfaced and was without road markings, such as give way lines. The responsibility for this would rest with the respective developer for which officers have made them aware.

I hope this information is useful.

Yours sincerely



**Councillor Chris Read**  
**Leader of Rotherham Council**

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Councillor Alan Atkin

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Dear Councillor Atkin

### **Council Question – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May as follows:

*What was the opinion of our external auditors on the sufficiency of our reserves?*

Within their Annual Report 2020-21 reported to Audit Committee in April, the Council's external auditors noted that the Council's reserves position had improved in recent years but based on some benchmarking of other Metropolitan Councils which they had undertaken, the level of reserves, when compared against annual net revenue expenditure, was below the national average.

I hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

*Joanna Baker-Rogers*

Cllr Joanna Baker-Rogers  
Chair of Audit Committee

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Councillor Simon Ball

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Dear Councillor Ball

### **Council Question – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May as follows:

*Has the aquifer that is situated on Cumwell lane been included into the plans for the new development that is going to be situated on it?*

As part of the consideration of the planning application, the planning team have consulted the Environment Agency specifically about this matter. The EA note that the development overlies the Wickersley Rock Sandstone, which is classified as a Secondary A aquifer, and the Pennine Upper Coal Measures which lie beneath the sandstone and are classified as a Secondary B aquifer.

The outline planning permission for the site includes a condition to ensure that adequate pollution prevention is incorporated into the drainage design such that local groundwater quality is not impacted.

Foundations for industrial units, such as this, would not normally cause large-scale disturbance of flow in an aquifer and as the site has not had previous contaminating uses there is limited possibility of transmitting contamination into it.

As such, the EA have confirmed that they would not consider it necessary to impose any planning conditions relating to disturbance of the aquifer as part of the reserved matters that are currently being considered.

I hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

*A. Atkin*

Cllr Alan Atkin  
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## **Councillor Victoria Cusworth – Cabinet Member for Children and Young People**

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Cllr Firas Miro

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Dear Cllr Miro

### **Council Question – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 25<sup>th</sup> May as follows:

*In view of Mr Alex Stafford MP getting involved between Harworth and the Waverley Juniors Academy regarding the number of children on the Waverley estate who did not get a place at WJA, can I ask where we are at with trying to accommodate those children in temporary classrooms for the academic year starting this September?*

The Department for Education (DfE) have made their position clear in that there is no projected shortfall of available places in the wider Planning Area that Waverley Junior Academy sits within for the foreseeable future (up until 2025/26) with approximately 20% surplus capacity currently in place across schools in this area.

Therefore, the government's views is that it is reasonable to expect parents who fail to secure their preferred school of Waverley Junior Academy to take up places at one of these other schools and not to expand any schools.

There are two immediate challenges; firstly, that the DfE criteria will not permit government funding for temporary classrooms. And secondly, the consequences of moving children would be immediate and damaging to the other local schools where they have been allocated places. Resolving these twin issues would require special dispensation and funding arrangements from the DfE.

The council has reached out to Mr Stafford to help facilitate conversations with Ministers and DfE officials to help progress this, Council officers stand ready to support these.

Beyond this immediate question, officers continue to work with the Principal Developer, Harworth, in relation to a variation to the current Section 106 funding agreement to bring about an earlier release of funding for the next phase of creating additional permanent primary school places on the Waverley estate.

It should be noted that the developer has met its obligation to provide primary school places aligned to the occupation of 2,000 dwellings in line with the national formula for pupil school place planning. There are currently significantly less than 2,000 dwellings built and occupied at Waverley at this present time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victoria Cusworth', written in a cursive style.

Councillor Victoria Cusworth  
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

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15<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Councillor Joshua Bacon  
Elected Member

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Dear Councillor Bacon

**Supplementary Question – Council Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Further to the supplementary question that you asked at Council on 25<sup>th</sup> May regarding proactively responding to graffiti, I can confirm that there have been several recent incidents of Z graffiti and Nazi symbols occurring over recent weeks within the Borough that have been reported to the Community Safety team. The Community Safety Team has an internal network of managers of front-line services which facilitates community tension reporting. A message was sent out around this network on 19 May which prompted several reports of offensive graffiti to the Community Safety team by Council staff, that were previously not known about/unreported. When reports are received into the Community Safety team, officers liaise with PC Chris Nicholson (Police hate crime coordinator) who records incidents as hate crime and investigates them. PC Nicholson visits the sites where possible to identify any possible evidence. The reports are passed to Street Cleansing on the day reported for removal.

PC Nicholson stated “that without exception all were removed within hours of being report to us (The Police). I have re-visited some of the sites to check the graffiti has been removed personally”

Extremist graffiti is also reported to the South Yorkshire Counter Terrorism Policing Northeast team.

As a partnership, the Council and South Yorkshire Police have taken action to plan an approach to identifying individuals that may be responsible for the graffiti, including the use of CCTV in some key locations. Investigations are ongoing and appropriate action will be taken against any individuals found to be responsible.

The Street Cleansing team, who sit within Environmental Services, deal with the graffiti removal within specified standards which are 1 day for offensive and 7 days for general. In the Town Centre there has been 19 graffiti Jobs logged since March 2022, 6 of these were related to Z and Nazi symbols (offensive), All these jobs were closed within 24 hours of being logged into the system/workflow, which matches the visits and information supplied by PC Nicholson.

Street cleansing has a dedicated Town Centre team with 6 individuals working 5 days per week Including the weekend. The team litter pick, empty bins, spray, grub and weed and arrange for the sweeper to attend if required out of schedule. Alongside their own duties they are proactive and log many of the specialist cleansing jobs into the relevant teams, this includes graffiti removal.

I hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely



**Councillor Dominic Beck**  
**Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment /Ward Councillor for Wales Ward**

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Councillor Adam Tinsley

Elected Member

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Dear Councillor Tinsley

**Council Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Further to the question that you raised at Council on 25<sup>th</sup> May regarding including the requirement of the developers to install a Community Accessible Defibrillator, I have spoken to the planning team and they have agreed to raise this issue within any pre application discussions for major housing proposals.

The provision of such equipment does not require planning permission and cannot therefore form part of any planning approval or requirement under a planning condition or legal agreement. However, the developers will be advised that it is good practice to liaise with the CCG to determine if one is desirable and encouraged to provide one if recommended to do so by the CCG.

If you would like to discuss further, please contact Nigel Hancock, Head of Planning at [nigel.hancock@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:nigel.hancock@rotherham.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,



**Councillor Denise Lelliott**

**Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy**

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**THE CABINET**  
**16th May, 2022**

Present:- Councillor Read (in the Chair); Councillors Alam, Allen, Beck, Brookes, Cusworth, Lelliott, Roche and Sheppard.

Also in attendance Councillor Clark (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board)

**143. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**144. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

(1) Mr. David Smith stated that in 2020, a CCG report had been heavily referred to in the RMBC Infrastructure Delivery Study and the final report was published in March 2021. The report stated that pressures would come in future in areas of anticipated high patient growth which included services in Dinnington and Anston where services were already operating over capacity and practices could not proactively respond to increased demand, specifically doctors. Two significant housing developments were well underway in the area, Mr. Smith asked what the Council was doing to address the serious and potentially critical situation?

The Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment agreed to respond in writing regarding the issues in that particular locality. Councillor Lelliott explained that there were trigger points with developments that meant once a number of houses had been delivered, additional doctors had to be provided by the CCG. It was also explained that the provision of doctor's surgeries by the CCG was outlined in the National Planning Policy Framework. Councillor Roche explained that it was the CCG that operated doctor's surgeries, not the Council. The CCG did keep the Council informed about progress and concerns could be raised by the Council with the CCG.

Mr. Smith explained that the matter was referenced in RMBC's Infrastructure Delivery Study with data from 2018 which showed that the practices were already over capacity. It was currently 2022 and there were hundreds more houses being built. Mr. Smith highlighted Appendix B of the Study which stated that a new health centre would be built in Dinnington at a cost of £3.5m. He asked if he could be told when this would be built and also whether a meeting could be held with him, as Chair of Dinnington St. John's Town Council, the three Ward Members, the Cabinet Member and relevant officers, to discuss the possibility of putting the health centre in the Levelling Up Fund bid rather than the idea for a row of shops that was being proposed.

The Leader explained that a written response would be provided but reiterated that the CCG was responsible for the provision of GP's.

(2) Councillor Elliott referred to page 4 of the agenda, item 3: "to note the details of the consultation in respect of this scheme and approve the decision". He stated that Councillor Beck had reassured him at the last Council meeting that the results of the consultation would be taken into consideration. Councillor Beck had since confirmed that the results would be shared with Councillor Elliott once they were available. The matter had been on the Forward Plan of Officer Delegated Decisions and had been discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting and Councillor Elliott had sent emails requesting the consultation results. He had not yet been provided with the results. He asked what the results were as he had spoken to businesses around Wellgate and Moorgate and understood that the Ward Members for Boston Castle were against the scheme? He asked for some openness and requested that the scheme be put on the backburner pending further discussions.

The Leader explained that the Wellgate Active Travel Scheme was not before Cabinet for decision at the meeting. The details of the consultation had not been shared yet but would be shared with Councillor Elliott when they were available. The matter was still under consideration.

(3) Councillor T. Collingham asked when the Neighbourhood Concern Fund would be reviewed?

Councillor Beck explained that Neighbourhood Concern Fund (Road Safety Fund) would be discussed at a seminar in the next couple of weeks [23rd May, 2022] and information would be published about how Ward Members could raise concerns and discuss options on how road safety in their Wards could be improved.

In his supplementary question, Councillor T. Collingham explained that he had already made a number of submissions on road safety but had not received any feedback. He asked if matters that had already been submitted had been reviewed or if matters had to wait for an annual review? He said residents did not want to wait 12 months for reviews of road safety.

Councillor Beck explained that Members were welcome to put forward suggestions and concerns throughout the year as the process for addressing concerns/dealing with suggestions was tied to the budget available for this fund. The new programme had a bigger budget and officers and the Cabinet Member were in the process of working through the programme. Councillor Beck explained that Councillor T. Collingham should have received a response but believed that his suggestions had been noted and would be taken into consideration for the programme. He asked Councillor Collingham to get in touch if there were any specific issues.

(4) Councillor Castledine-Dack asked, in relation to the Levelling Up Fund bid in Dinnington, what had the Council done since November 2021 to explore options to close the funding gap that had been highlighted in the feedback on Round 1?

The Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment explained that part of the feedback from Round 1 had related to match funding and the scale of the process and programme that had been put forward under the first round of bidding. Work had been done in terms of private sector options, private sector match, the marketplace linked to commercial, residential and more retail-led schemes. The revised scheme was still based on the principles of the original submission as the feedback was that it was a strong bid. However, it was important to make it affordable. Since the first bid was put in, cost increases had been seen in the construction market and as such it was vital that any scheme put forward was deliverable.

In her supplementary question, Councillor Castledine-Dack asked if the information and evidence regarding the work that had been done in relation to the research could be shared? She stated that it would be helpful to discuss that information at the regular meetings that were held.

Councillor Lelliott explained that, in addition to the Levelling Up Fund, work continued on the Masterplan for that area which would allow for further funding opportunities.

It was agreed that the Strategic Director would share any available information with Councillor Castledine-Dack and other Dinnington Ward Members.

**145. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Resolved:-**

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet held on 25th April, 2022, be approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

**146. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There was no exempt information on the agenda.

**147. PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SERVICES PATHWAY**

Consideration was given to the report which outlined the options and recommendations regarding the future model for healthy lifestyle service delivery and the NHS health checks programme. The report set out how the whole pathway should operate to support Public Health improvements for the Borough over the next 10 years. It was proposed that the NHS health checks and the health lifestyle services were considered as 2 elements of one pathway.

The report recommended that a direct award be made to Connect Healthcare CIC with local GP's delivering the NHS health checks programme for one 5 year cycle from 1st July, 2022, to 30th June, 2027. Subject to a review of Key Performance Indicators and outcomes, it was recommended that there be provision to extend the contract for a further 5 years. The basis of the direct award to Connect Healthcare CIC, which was a legal entity formed by all GP practices in Rotherham, was that there was no other viable provider. This was because only Primary Care could identify clinical eligibility for the NHS health check and deliver a compliant model based on their knowledge of patient records.

Further recommendations related to the future model for healthy lifestyle services which provided specialist behaviour change support. It was proposed that those services be commissioned by competitive tender and include services to support stopping smoking, weight management and improve access to exercise.

It was also proposed that the alcohol screening component which had been included within the previous integrated healthy lifestyle services model should form part of the alcohol pathway and be recommissioned as part of the services described in the November 2021 Cabinet report titled "Public Health Proposals for Recommissioning Rotherham's Alcohol and Drugs Service."

The option of re-tendering the exact same services had been discounted due to the issues with the current model as outlined in the report and the aim to meet the recommendations from the national review of NHS health checks.

At the meeting it was reported that the need for such pathways in Rotherham was evident due to the life expectancy being lower than the national average, the obesity levels being higher than the national average with similar gaps in other health issues leading to a range of health inequalities.

**Resolved:-**

That Cabinet:

1. Agree to the proposed model, with NHS health checks being a key gateway into the healthy lifestyle services, and both services operating within a broader partnership pathway.
2. Agree that a direct award is made to Connect Healthcare CIC for local GPs to deliver the NHS health checks programme for one 5 year cycle from 1st July, 2022, to 30th June, 2027, with the provision to extend the contract for a further 5 years to allow for another cycle of the NHS health check programme.

3. Agree to recommission healthy lifestyle behaviour change services by competitive procurement, comprising services to support stopping smoking, weight management and improve access to exercise.
4. Agree that the alcohol screening component included within the previous integrated healthy lifestyle services model forms part of the alcohol pathway and is recommissioned as part of the services described in the Cabinet paper of November 2021.
5. Note the variation of the contract with Parkwood Healthcare Limited with a continuation of up to a maximum of 12 months to 31st March 2024 (in 2 x 6 months blocks.) The aim is to complete the procurement for a new contract by 1st October 2023, but with an option to extend if required.

**148. CABINET RESPONSE TO THE OUTCOMES FROM THE SUB-GROUP ON POST CSE SUPPORT SERVICES**

Consideration was given to the report which outlined the response of Cabinet to the findings and recommendations from the Improving Lives Sub-Group on post-CSE support. The findings of the sub-group had been presented to Cabinet on 14th February, 2022, were as follows:

- a) *That post-CSE services are transferred to the Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health directorate to enable the greater integration and coordination of support pathways that are available to adult victims of trauma as children.*
- b) *That further work is undertaken with relevant partners and survivors to improve the ways in which survivors' voices are captured to inform future reviews of post-abuse services (for example drawing on the research from Sheffield Hallam University, the development of voice and influence groups or other survivor's forums).*
- c) *That consideration is given to appropriate governance arrangements to enable elected members to provide a steer on the activity that is taking place within the Borough to stop CSE/CCE and support survivors.*
- d) *That the Improving Lives Select Commission continue to monitor the provision of post-abuse support to survivors of CSE.*
- e) *In relation to recommendations c) and d), that consideration is given how survivors' voices to inform these processes.*

- f) *To emphasise the shared responsibility of all elected members, that an annual training event/workshop is delivered. This is to ensure that all elected members are kept up to date with the activity within the Borough to protect young people from being at risk of harm from CSE/CCE and support adult survivors to move forwards in their lives.*
- g) *That the relevant Strategic Directors explore options for sharing best practice with other local authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber Region.*
- h) *Drawing on the good practice from Durham County Council, that consideration is given to the language used in the provision of post-CSE support to ensure that it is positive and inclusive of the needs of those accessing services.*

Cabinet accepted all of the recommendations and Appendix 1 to the report outlined further detail on how the recommendations had been or would be actioned.

Councillor Cusworth explained that changes were already being implemented, such as the Youth Offending Team changing its name to the Youth Justice Team.

#### **Resolved:-**

That Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the report.

#### **149. TOWN DEAL AND LEVELLING UP FUND: UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Consideration was given to the report which provided an update on progress and sought approval to implement the Regeneration Programme projects which had been awarded funding via the Levelling Up Fund and Towns Fund.

The Town Deal has a £3.6bn programme which sought to “unleash the economic potential of 100 places across the country.” In January 2021, Rotherham had submitted a Town Investment Plan seeking £35m for projects across Templeborough, Eastwood and the Town Centre. In June 2021, Heads of Terms were received offering £31.6m. Stage 2 of the Town Deal process required a local assurance process for each project culminating in the submission of ‘Project Summary’ documentation to the Department for Levelling-Up, Housing and Communities by 27th June, 2022.

In June 2021, the Council submitted 3 bids in Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund. The bids sought investment to support projects in the leisure economy, principal areas for growth and Rotherham Town Centre. It was

announced in October 2021 that Rotherham had successfully secured funding for 2 of the 3 bids, namely £19.5m for the leisure economy and £20m for Rotherham Town Centre, totalling £39.5m.

A second round of funding from the Levelling Up Fund was announced in March 2022. The Council intended to re-submit a bid proposal for Wath and Dinnington Town Centres with a deadline of 6th July, 2022.

Details for each of the projects were summarised in Appendix 1 to the report. In terms of governance, the Town Deal Board would retain oversight of Town Deal project delivery and of the Town Centre Levelling Up Fund projects. A specific programme board was being established to oversee the Towns Fund Leisure Economy project implementation and any further projects successfully funded by the Levelling Up fund would be subject to their own board requirements. The Regeneration Strategic Programme Board would be used to provide project updates within the Council. All funds would be incorporated into the Council's financial monitoring arrangements.

It was proposed that the approval of the Full Business Cases be delegated to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the S151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy. This was considered the best way forward as it was deemed that there would be insufficient time to take each Business Case through the Cabinet process due to the level of work required to develop each project in sufficient detail.

This report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as part of the pre-decision scrutiny process. The Board fully supported the recommendations and asked that the progress of the Town Deal and Levelling Up fund projects be added to the Risk Register.

**Resolved:-**

That Cabinet:

1. Note the successful outcomes of Rotherham's Towns Fund and Levelling Up Fund Round 1 bids and the positive progress made to date.
2. Note the submission of a further Levelling Up Fund bid, by 6th July, 2022, following the announcement of a Round 2 on 23rd March, 2022.
3. Agree to the implementation of all projects within the Town Deal and Levelling Up Fund programmes as summarised in Appendix 1, to be detailed in forthcoming project specific Full Business Cases.

4. Note the implementation of projects will be subject to the Council's assurance framework and with Full Business Cases approved by the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment in consultation with the Council's S151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy.
5. That progress of the Town Deal and Levelling Up Fund projects be added to the Risk Register.

## **150. HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND**

Consideration was given to the report which sought approval for the allocation of the Household Support Fund (HSF.) The HSF had been introduced in 2021/22 but was being extended by the Government through 2022/23. The grant was being made available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England to support those most in need and struggling with the cost of living crisis. Rotherham MBC had been allocated £2,489,029.87 for the 6 months from April until September 2022. All funding had to be spent or committed by the end of September and this included provision to fund food vouchers for the October 2022 half term school holidays. There had been no indication relating to any further funding beyond that date.

The HSF had been created to provide support to households, particularly those including children and pensioners, who would otherwise struggle to buy food or pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs or housing costs. The conditions of the Fund had changed since the 2021/22 allocation to now include a requirement that at least 33.3% of the fund had to be allocated to households with someone over state pension age. A further 33% had to be allocated to support households that included a person under the age of 19.

An urgent officer delegated decision had been taken to enable provision of vouchers to children eligible for free school meals during the half term holidays. This practice was established under the COVID Winter Grant and Local Support Grant.

This report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as part of the pre-decision scrutiny process. The Board fully supported the recommendations.

### **Resolved:-**

1. That Cabinet approve provisional allocation of the Household Support Grant of £2,489,029.87 as follows:
  - a) £1,421,400 for food vouchers to children eligible for free school meals for school holidays through to October half term 2022, including May/June 2022 half term approved by delegated action;



- b) £250,000 to enable applications from pensioner households for assistance with cost of living increase hardship, to be provided alongside the Council's Covid Recovery Fund supporting households with increasing energy costs; and
- c) The remaining £817,629.87 to be held in reserve, to allow the Council to assess progress with the above schemes and make further allocations in accordance with the grant conditions.

- 2. That a further report be presented to Cabinet in June to assess progress made and make allocations from the reserve fund.

**151. STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF ROTHERHAM'S HIGHWAYS - INDICATIVE HIGHWAY REPAIR PROGRAMME FOR 2022/2023**

Consideration was given to the report which described how Rotherham's highways were strategically managed and maintained in accordance with the agreed Highway Asset Management Policy Strategy and Highway Asset Management Plan (HAMP). The Council had a statutory duty to maintain its highways through S.41 of the Highways Act 1980.

The report also reviewed the current strategy for the management and maintenance of Rotherham's Highways and the impact the recent Council funding had on the highway network. The current performance in terms of the condition of Rotherham's highways and in terms of the delivery of highways maintenance services was also described.

It was reported that the additional investment in Rotherham's roads was making a real improvement to the highway network and was evidenced by the improvement in the condition of the estate roads and classified network along with a continued reduction in the number of potholes reported and highways claims received against the Council. The Highway Repair Programme for 2021/22 delivered repairs across 247 Maintenance Schemes, equating to 77.993km of roads and an area of 481,777 square metres.

At the meeting it was reported that the number of claims by motorists for damage to vehicles caused by potholes was significantly down and that the unclassified road network was better than the national average.

**Resolved:-**

- 1. The Cabinet note the strategic approach to the management and maintenance of Rotherham's Highways;

2. That the decision of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment to approve the indicative Highway Repair Programme for 2022/23 be noted; and
3. That Cabinet note any additional in year funding to deliver highways repairs and that the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment may utilise that funding in accordance with the strategic approach to the Management and Maintenance of Rotherham's Highways as laid out in the report.

**152. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Consideration was given to the circulated report, the contents of which were included as part of the relevant items and the details included accordingly.

**153. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:-**

That the next meeting of the Cabinet be held on Monday, 20th June, 2022, commencing at 10.00 a.m. in Rotherham Town Hall.

**THE CABINET**  
**20th June, 2022**

Present:- Councillor Read (in the Chair); Councillors Alam, Allen, Beck, Brookes, Lelliott, Roche and Sheppard.

Also in attendance Councillor Clark (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board)

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Cusworth.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

(1) Rachel Graham, Clerk to Waverley Community Council, asked the following question in relation to Waverley Junior Academy: Could the Council provide portacabins for the young students come September 2022 to commence their education in their village, which they can walk to, as there are an additional 21 students without placements at the moment.

The Assistant Director of Education and Inclusion, Nathan Heath, responded by explaining that it was right to recognise that there was a clear challenge for those children and young people that had not been accepted into Waverley Junior Academy. RMBC had been doing a significant piece of work with the DfE and having dialogue with them around the forward planning for Waverley. The DfE's position was very clear and they had made it consistently clear that within the planning area of Waverley, there were available school spaces for children and young people that were within the catchment area. In direct response to the question, Mr. Heath confirmed that the Council would not be providing portacabins at Waverley Junior Academy this year.

In her supplementary question, the Clerk to Waverley Community Council confirmed that in previous correspondence with the Council, it had been confirmed that it was RMBC Policy to encourage sustainable travel to school which includes walking over car usage. How does this marry up?

Mr. Heath stated that that was a very valid question but explained that the schools that were in and around the Waverley village and catchment were within the criteria set by the DfE. It was recognised that a number of children who had not been admitted to Waverley for September may be at wider parameters of the catchment area. However, from the specific and detailed work that had been done around that, all children should be able to access a local catchment school.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING****Resolved:-**

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet held on 16th May, 2022, be approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

**4. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chair advised that Appendix 1 to Item 11 on the agenda contained exempt information, however, the meeting remained open to the public and press throughout.

**5. CABINET RESPONSE TO THE OUTCOMES FROM THE SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT REVIEW ON YOUNG CARERS**

Consideration was given to the report which outlined the response of Cabinet to the outcomes from the Scrutiny Spotlight review on Young Carers. The findings of the Scrutiny Review had been presented to Cabinet on 28th March, 2022, and were as follows:

*a) That action plans and performance matrix be supplied as part of the next update in 6 months' time.*

*b) That a plan be developed to address the current data gap in respect of young carers who mature into adult carers, with a view to providing the best preparation possible and making this transition as seamless as possible for young carers who may continue to have caring responsibilities into adulthood.*

*c) That consideration be given to how best to provide additional support to young carers seeking to access employment skills, education and training.*

Cabinet accepted all of the recommendations and Appendix 1 to the report outlined further detail on how the recommendations had been or would be actioned. A report would be taken back to the Improving Lives Select Commission in July 2022 to update on the progress made.

**Resolved:-**

1. That Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the report.

**6. EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STRATEGY (2022/2025), ACTION PLAN (2022/2023) AND ANNUAL REPORT (2021/2022)**

Consideration was given to the report which explained that the Council Plan 2022/2025 had set out that the Council's ambition was to create an inclusive Borough for people to live, work and enjoy; a Borough where

nobody was left behind and where all were welcome and treated fairly. The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy set out the commitments that the Council was making to support those outcomes. It would ensure that equality objectives truly underpinned the themes of the Council Plan to ensure that achieving equality outcomes was embedded in everything that the Council did. It would also commit to achieving the highest national standards as set out in the Equalities Framework for Local Government.

The Strategy was built on 4 key equality objectives: understanding, listening to and working with Rotherham's communities; delivering accessible and responsive services that meet diverse needs; provide leadership and organisational commitment to actively promote equalities; and ensuring a diverse and engaged workforce.

The Council had set out its commitment to achieving and demonstrating the highest standards in equality, diversity and inclusion through aspiring to reach "Excellent" in the Equalities Framework for Local Government (EFLG), which was the national standard. The New EDI Strategy and objectives supported the achievement and then the maintenance of the "Excellent" standard. Appendix 2 set out the action plan to support this.

The Equalities Annual report provided an overview of equalities activity and achievement over the last year and commitments going forward in relation to the priorities of the new EDI strategy. Each year, the looking ahead section of the Annual report would form a cycle of review and forward planning over the lifetime of the EDI Strategy ensuring that actions were always informed and current.

An extensive consultation process has been undertaken seeking views on 3 initial, draft objectives along with key actions and the approach to taking forward the EDI Strategy. The consultation responses helped to shape the final 4 objectives and this was described in section 4 of the report and Appendix 3.

This report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as part of the pre-decision scrutiny process. The Board fully supported the recommendations and asked that consideration be given as to how equalities were presented in Council reports going forward.

**Resolved:-**

1. That the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2022/2025 be approved.
2. That the Equalities Annual Report 2021/2022 be received.
3. That the Equalities 2022/2023 action plan and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion consultation findings report be noted.

**7. FINANCE UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report which provided an update on a number of financial matters, including those related to Covid-19. It also provided an interim update following the approval of the Budget and Council Tax 2022/23 report at Council on 2nd March, 2022. This was in advance of the Financial Outturn 2021/22 and Financial Monitoring 2022/23 reports which would be submitted to Cabinet in July 2022. There was also an update on the Council's administration of the Local Council Tax Support Top Up payment for 2022/23, Council Tax (Energy) Rebate and Covid Additional Relief Fund (CARF.)

The final outturn position for 2021/22 reflected a positive movement of £4.1m in the Directorate outturn positions since December's Financial Monitoring position, reported to Cabinet on the 14th February, 2022. The main reasons for the movements per Directorate were set out in the report, however, a more detailed narrative would be provided in the Financial Outturn report to Cabinet in July 2022. The positive improvement removed the need for the Council to use £1.7m of the Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve to support the 2021/22 outturn position. That improvement generated a £2.4m underspend as the Council remained able to use the full £14.0m of Covid grant to support the outturn position. This had, therefore, allowed the Council to transfer £2.4m into the Council's Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve, as per the recommendation within the Council's Budget and Council Tax report 2022/23.

The strong outturn position placed the Council in a more robust position heading into the financial year 2022/23. It was, therefore, more able to mitigate against cost pressures and the financial challenges that were not evident at the time of setting the 2022/23 Budget, such as the war in Ukraine and the significant rise in energy prices and inflation. The Council was more able to manage the impact rather than needing to consider making cuts in services.

The financial challenges were being considered as part of the Council's ongoing Medium Term Financial Planning. The energy price rises, and inflation would impact the Council's costs in the provision of services. However, some of those cost impacts would be mitigated in future years by increased core funding as business rates income was indexed to the rate of inflation. It was currently expected that the period of high inflation would last for 2 years before returning to a more normal level. As such, the Council would face short term financial pressures that would need to be managed and mitigated through the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Council's reserves. As such the Council's ability to build further capacity into those reserves as part of the 2021/22 outturn position was a benefit. The Council was currently reviewing the reserves balances as at the 2021/22 outturn to assess the capacity to provide this budget risk mitigation and would report further on reserves within the Financial Outturn report to Cabinet in July.

In relation to the Local Council Tax Support Top Up Scheme 2022/23, it was reported that a total of £1.387m had been awarded across 14,567 accounts with 10,403 of those accounts being reduced to nil.

In relation to the Council Tax (Energy) Rebate scheme, it was reported that to date, 74,143 payments had been made to Band A-D households and 6,413 discretionary payments to Band E-H households.

The Covid Additional Relief Fund had been set up to sort businesses affected by the pandemic but who had been ineligible for existing support linked to business rates. Following the closure of the applications process, the Council has received and approved a total of 120 businesses, with a total relief value of £528k based on the Cabinet approved awards. Therefore, the Council had needed to agree an approach to topping up the businesses that did apply for the award to further utilise the funding and potentially providing a smaller award to those businesses that could benefit from the scheme but had not come forward for support. An officer decision was taken to allow the Council to increase the award for businesses that have been approved via the Council's application process to 100% businesses rates relief, up to a maximum of £30k. This would cost £1.9m. The remaining funding would then be used to provide a smaller payment to businesses that were eligible but had not applied; a payment of up to £2,900 per business would be made at an estimated cost of £2.9m. Businesses provided with an award would receive a revised 2021/22 business rates bill.

As at March 2022, the Council had fully spent its £2.489m allocation from the Household Support Fund 2021/22 by delivering on a range of themes as set out in paragraph 2.5.1 of the report. This included food vouchers, reduction in Council Tax liability, support to the Voluntary and Community Sector etc.

An update was also provided on the Test and Trace Self-Isolation Support Payments at paragraph 2.6 of the report.

This report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as part of the pre-decision scrutiny process. The Board fully supported the recommendations and asked that, in future, the Council ensures options for Council Tax (energy) Rebate payments are more widely published in an easy-to-read format. The Leader explained that, at the OSMB meeting, Members had requested that the Council ensure that the information was easily accessible and that there was as much information as possible that was easy to read which would also be taken under consideration.

**Resolved:-**

1. That the update on the revenue budget financial outturn 2021/22 be noted.

2. That the Council's progress on the delivery of the Local Council Tax Support Top Up payment be noted.
3. That the Council's progress on the delivery of the Council Tax (Energy) Rebate be noted.
4. That the Council's progress on the delivery of the Covid Additional Relief Fund be noted.
5. That the Council's delivery of the Household Support Fund 2021/22 be noted.
6. That the Council's delivery of the Test and Trace Support Payments be noted.

**8. FITZWILLIAM ROAD PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER, JUNE 2022**

Consideration was given to the report which explained that since 2019, a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) had been in force in the Fitzwilliam Road area of Rotherham. This was due to expire in June 2022 as the maximum duration of PSPO's was 3 years. The report detailed a review of the existing PSPO, the outcomes of the targeted public consultation on renewing the Order along with the recommendations to review the Order. It was also recommended that a new condition relating to bins on the street be included in the renewed Order.

From 25th April to 15th May, 2022 a public and stakeholder consultation process had been carried out. This included:

- Key partners and stakeholder letters issued to South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, Local Voluntary and Third Sector Groups and Ward Councillors
- A public consultation on the website with social media sign posting and links
- Engagement with local residents who have English as a second language at Clifton Learning Partnership with translation support

The effectiveness of the current Order was explained in paragraph 2.1 of the report. Since 1st January, 2018, there had been 1,020 Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents in the Fitzwilliam-Eastwood PSPO area, showing an average of 20 incidents per month. The impact of Covid-19 was taken into account when assessing this data. Since 1st January, 2018, the Council's Community Protection Unit received 645 reported complaints regarding wheelie bins. Of these complaints, which related to various issues of contamination, abandonment or bins being left on the street, 165 (26%) had been received in the Fitzwilliam Road Area. The street scene in the area, anecdotally from residents, Councillors, partners and officers, was suffering as a consequence. The failure to responsibly



manage waste and waste receptacles was a known contributor to pests, alongside contributing to waste accumulation and fly-tipping issues.

The Order was jointly enforced by authorised officers from the Council's Regulation and Enforcement Service and South Yorkshire Police staff. Since June 2019, 64 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) had been issued in the locality to individuals breaching the Order. 65% of FPNs had been issued in relation to the consumption of alcohol. In addition, informal enforcement had been applied at officers' discretion on occasion which did not generate a penalty, however, did resolve the immediate issue or breach. Throughout the 3 years in which the PSPO had been in place, there had been around 600 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour and just over 60 Fixed Penalty Notices issued, showing a rate of around 10%.

Appendix 2 to the report was the draft new Order. Section 6 of the Order related to bins and stated that a bin must not be situated outside the boundary of the property other than between 6.00 p.m. on the day before collection was due and 9.00 p.m. on the day of collection unless the bin was in an identifiable bin storage area of yard for the bins on that property.

It was also confirmed that the missing sentence on page 181 of the agenda pack should read: "The condition for taking bins off the street is only relevant after the actual collection of waste, where the waste is presented correctly. Enforcement will be planned in such a way as to educate and work with residents prior to formal enforcement action being taken."

#### **Resolved:-**

1. That Cabinet approve the designation of the new Public Space Protection Order, set out at Appendix 2, in the Fitzwilliam Road area.

#### **9. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS RATES DISCRETIONARY RELIEF - ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

The Council had received an application for the award of Discretionary Business Rate Relief for Rotherham and District Citizens Advice Bureau. In line with the Council's Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy, having regard to the financial cost of the proposed relief, the charitable use of the premises and the contribution that the organisation makes to the local community, it was recommended that an award for discretionary relief be granted to Rotherham and District Citizens Advice Bureau.

Rotherham and District Citizens Advice Bureau was a registered charity which provided free information and advice to the community in Rotherham ensuring that the Borough's citizens did not suffer through lack of knowledge of their rights and responsibilities. The charity actively worked to raise issues of social injustice to enable improvement in social

justice for all. The organisation moved premises on 1st December, 2021, because of the current town centre renovations and a requirement from RMBC to temporarily relocate pending the construction of new premises as part of the Town Centre Plan. The organisation benefited from an award of discretionary relief at their former premises which was awarded continuously from 2017 to the date of their relocation. The proposed relief would maintain this position.

**Resolved:-**

1. That Cabinet approve the application for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for Rotherham and District Citizens Advice Bureau in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 to this report for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.

## **10. HOUSING STRATEGIC ACQUISITIONS**

Consideration was given to the report which sought approval for the Council to purchase 66 new homes, of which 48 would be for Council rent and 18 for Council shared ownership. The acquisitions would be funded by the Housing Revenue Account and had been modelled within the HRA Business Plan to confirm affordability.

As set out in previous annual housing development reports, strategic acquisitions typically offered an expedient and value for money route to adding new homes to the Council's housing stock. They also helped to ensure local affordable housing needs could be met in areas where the Council had limited existing stock, and or limited land opportunities to directly build new homes.

Exempt Appendix 1 provided the details of the proposed acquisitions, including when the homes were expected to be added to the Council's stock. Some acquisitions would be handed over in multiple phases with the final homes from this list due in 2027/28.

The overall housing development programme would be described in the next annual housing development report. The current report was being presented earlier to ensure time-limited acquisition opportunities were not missed. It was not possible to guarantee that all the homes identified would be purchased, but Cabinet approval was sought to allow officers to undertake the necessary work towards achieving this aim.

If all of the identified acquisitions were secured, the Council would obtain the following Council homes for rent: 14 houses with 2 bedrooms; 12 houses with 3 bedrooms; 6 houses with 4 bedrooms; 15 bungalows with 2 bedrooms and 1 bungalow with 3 bedrooms, totalling 48 homes. The Council will also obtain 18 homes to offer as council shared ownership: 10 houses with 2 bedrooms and 8 houses with 3 bedrooms totalling 18 homes.

**Resolved:-**

1. That Cabinet agrees to purchase the homes identified in Exempt Appendix 1, subject to the budget parameters as set out in the Council's approved Capital Programme.
2. That authority to negotiate and complete the legal documentation to give effect to the Cabinet's decision be delegated to the Council's Legal Services.

**11. BT PROPOSAL TO PERMANENTLY REMOVE THE PUBLIC PHONE BOX AT THE JUNCTION OF WENSLEYDALE AND TEESDALE ROAD, ROTHERHAM**

Consideration was given to a report submitted for information which detailed the decision taken by officers under delegated powers in respect of the proposal from BT to remove the public phone box at the junction of Wensleydale and Teesdale Road, Rotherham.

It was reported that, following a period of public consultation and in line with Ofcom guidance, a delegated decision was made by the Assistant Director (Planning Regeneration and Transport) on the proposal. Consultations were carried out through the Council's website and press notices published. In the first consultation period, no comments were received regarding the payphone closure. In the second consultation a response was received that the Ward Councillors, Local Policing Team and Housing Officers for the area considered that the phone box could be removed. However, having regard to the consultation comments received and Ofcom's proposal for stronger protection of public phone boxes, it was recommended that the Council object to the removal of the telephony service as it met the criteria for retention. This was due to the amount of usage the phone box received in the past 52 weeks being above the threshold for retention in the Council's local criteria.

The decision of the Assistant Director was to object to BT's proposals and apply the local veto to the phone box, whereby BT were required to keep the pay phone in use. The schedule showing the decision was included at Appendix 1 to the report. BT and the Secretary of State were informed of the Council's decision within the extended deadline of 28th February, 2022.

**Resolved:-**

1. That Cabinet notes the decision to retain the BT public phone box at the junction of Wensleydale and Teesdale Road, Rotherham under the local veto.

## 12. CABINET'S RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REVIEW - EXTERNAL FUNDING

Consideration was given to the report which outlined the response of Cabinet to the outcomes from the Scrutiny Review on External Funding. The findings of the Scrutiny Review had been presented to Cabinet on 28th March, 2022, and were as follows:

- a) That the ambition of the service in submitting bids be commended.*
- b) That the feedback from the government regarding the Dinnington and Wath bids for Levelling Up Funds be circulated when available.*
- c) That the Governance Advisor liaise with the Regeneration Strategy team to coordinate upcoming scrutiny work on markets with a view to feeding into future bids involving markets.*
- d) That efforts to ensure Rotherham receives its fair portion of gainshare or "single pot" funds from the Mayoral Combined Authority be noted.*

Cabinet accepted all of the recommendations and Appendix 1 to the report outlined further detail on how the recommendations had been or would be actioned. The Cabinet Member wished to place on record her thanks to the Officers who had worked hard to draw down significant investment for the people of Rotherham.

### **Resolved:-**

- 1. That the Cabinet response to the Scrutiny Review Recommendations –External Funding be approved.

## 13. FIRST COUNCIL PLAN 2022-2025 AND YEAR AHEAD DELIVERY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Consideration was given to the report which provided an update on the first 3 months of the Council Plan 2022-2025 and Year Ahead Delivery Plan. The Council Plan had been adopted in January 2022 and had been informed by public consultation. It set out the Council's vision for the Borough and priorities for serving residents and communities. The Delivery Plan had been developed to set out the key activities to be delivered over the next year (January 2022 – March 2023.)

As of 31st May, 2022, the activities within the Year Ahead Delivery Plan were rated as follows:

- 16% (15) complete
- 67% (62) were on track to be delivered by original target date
- 12% (11) were delayed by less than 3 months
- 1% (1) would not be met within 3 months of original target date
- 3% (3) were not yet due to start.

The Quarterly Progress Report, attached to the report at Appendix 1, included a high-level overview and then presented by Council Plan theme, with each thematic section including achievements and challenges; Year Ahead Delivery Plan trackers and performance scorecards. The report also included wider information, key facts and intelligence, specific case studies and a timeline of key achievements/activities to demonstrate activity during the quarter.

It was proposed in paragraph 2.14 that the second quarterly progress report be presented to Cabinet on 19th September, 2022.

During the meeting, Cabinet Members highlighted particular areas from their portfolios that were included in the Council Plan. They also referenced areas that were delayed in relation to the Year Ahead Delivery Plan.

**Resolved:-**

That Cabinet:

1. Note the overall position in relation to the Year Ahead Delivery Plan activities.
2. Discuss the activities which have been delayed and any resulting actions required.
3. Note the year-end data for 2021-22 for the Council Plan performance measures.
4. Note the performance reporting timetable for 2022-2023.

**14. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Consideration was given to the report which detailed how outside bodies were external organisations which had a Council appointed representative but had their own governance structures. Appointments to outside bodies were seen as an important mechanism for community leadership, partnership and joint working along with knowledge and information sharing. At the Annual Meeting on 19th May, 2017, the Council approved procedure rules that detailed how Councillors would be appointed to serve on outside bodies.

The report, therefore, presented the nominations received and recommended the appointment of the nominees to the various organisations and partnerships.

Paragraph 2.4 of the report detailed a number of organisations that had either been removed from or added to the outside bodies list. The appointments to the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority were now dealt with at the Annual Council meeting and as such had been removed from the outside bodies list.

At the meeting it was reported that the Rotherham Dementia Action Group and Thomas Rotherham College Board would be removed from the outside bodies list. It was also reported that Councillor Atkin would be appointed as the Rotherham representative on the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation with Councillor Wyatt being the substitute when their new governance arrangements came into effect in July 2022.

**Resolved:-**

1. That Cabinet agrees that Councillors be appointed to serve on outside bodies, as detailed on the schedule in Appendix 1.
2. That the amendments to the outside bodies list for 2022/23 be noted.
3. That the amendments made to the outside bodies listed during the meeting, relating to Rotherham Dementia Action Group, Thomas Rotherham College Board and Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation, be agreed and implemented.

**15. CABINET RESPONSE TO THE OUTCOMES FROM THE REVIEW GROUP OF THE HEALTH SELECT COMMISSION ON THE ROTHERHAM COMMUNITY HUB**

Consideration was given to the report which outlined the response of Cabinet to the outcomes from the Health Select Commission Review on the Rotherham Community Hub. The findings of the Review had been presented to Cabinet on 28th March, 2022, and were as follows:

- a) That the excellent work of Rotherham Community Hub be commended, especially in respect of the befriending service which helped relieve loneliness and isolation throughout the pandemic.
- b) That Members be encouraged to add the Community Hub to their Ward priorities and e-bulletins to better support vulnerable residents and families.

- c) Whereas the current Community Hub model was due to end in March 2022, should there be a further evolution of the Community Hub model, that an update be brought in 12 months' time.

All the recommendations had been accepted and Appendix 1 set out further detail on how the recommendations have been actioned.

**Resolved:-**

1. That Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the report.

**16. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Consideration was given to the circulated report, the contents of which were included as part of the relevant items and the details included accordingly.

**17. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:-**

That the next meeting of the Cabinet be held on Monday, 11th July, 2022, commencing at 10.00 a.m. in Rotherham Town Hall.

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Council – 20 July 2022

**Report Title**

Amendments to appointment of Members to Committees, Boards and Panels.

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

This report informs Council of amendments to the nomination of Members to serve on Committees, Boards and Panels.

**Recommendations**

Council agrees the amendments to the nominations of Members to serve on the Committees, Boards and Panels as listed in the Mayor's Letter for the July Council Meeting.

**List of Appendices Included**

None

**Background Papers**

Membership of Political Groups on the Council, Political Balance and Entitlement to Seats to Full Council on 25 May 2022.

Mayoral Combined Authority Board Meeting - 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

None

**Council Approval Required**

Yes

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Amendments to appointment of Members to Committees, Boards and Panels.**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 25 May 2022, Council agreed the appointment of Members to committees, boards and panels, as set out on the schedule which was tabled at the meeting in the Mayors Letter.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 Members are reminded that Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 states that where the Council has determined the allocation to different Groups of the seats to which the Act applies, it shall be the duty of the authority to give effect to a Group's wishes about who is to be appointed to the seats that they have been allocated.
- 2.2 Democratic Services have received notification that it has become necessary to make amendments to appointment of Members to serve on the committees, boards, and panels, that will be detailed in the Mayor's Letter when issued.
- 2.3 The Mayoral Combined Authority Board at its meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 agreed to a reduction on a 1-year trial basis from 10 to 4 Members on the MCA Risk and Audit Committee. This means that the representation from Rotherham has gone from 2 Councillors to 1. The Political Balance of the Board is such that Rotherham's representative and substitute will be from the Conservative Party.

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 2.3 No alternative options were considered.
- 2.4 It is recommended that the appointments to the Committees, Boards and Panels be amended and noted as detailed in the Mayor's Letter for the July Council meeting.

### **3. Consultation on proposal**

- 3.1 Consultation has taken place within the political groups themselves and with the members concerned.

### **4. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 4.1 The amendments to the appointment of Members to the Committees, Boards and Panels listed in the Mayor's Letter will take affect from 20 July 2022, once approved.
- 4.2 Officers from within the Governance Unit will contact the members being appointed to those committees, boards, and panels to discuss their appointment and arrange any required committee specific training prior to the next schedule meeting.

## **5. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 5.1 There are no financial and procurement implications directly arising from this report.

## **6. Legal Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 The composition and allocation of membership of the above bodies has been based on the relevant legislative requirements in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

## **7. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 7.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

## **8. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 8.1 The appointment of members to serve on committees and other bodies of the council will indirectly impact on children and young people and vulnerable adults through the activities and decisions of those bodies. There are no apparent direct implications at the time of writing this report.

## **9. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

- 9.1 There are no equalities implications arising from the report. Political groups are required to have regard to the provisions of the Equality Act 2010 when nominating Member appointments to committees and other offices.

## **10. Implications for CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Climate Change**

- 10.1 There are no implications for CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Climate Change arising from this report.

## **11. Implications for Partners**

- 11.1 The appointment of councillors to serve on external bodies and partnerships is designed to have a positive impact on the council's relationship with those organisations and enhance the relationship through the presence of accountable and elected representatives.

## **12. Risks and Mitigation**

- 12.1 By having regard to the detail of the report above in respect of meeting statutory requirements, any risk implications will have been mitigated. Consequently, there are no risks to be borne in mind in respect of the recommendations.

**13. Accountable Officer(s)**

Emma Hill, Acting Head of Democratic Services

Approvals obtained on behalf of:

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	<a href="#">Click here to enter a date.</a>
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	05/07/22
Assistant Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phillip Horsfield	05/07/22
Assistant Director of Human Resources (if appropriate)	Lee Mann (on behalf of ACEX)	29/06/22
Head of Human Resources (if appropriate)	n/a	<a href="#">Click here to enter a date.</a>

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Council – 20 July 2022

**Report Title**

Cabinet's Response to the Scrutiny Review on External Funding

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

Yes

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

This report sets out the Cabinet's response to the findings and recommendations from the Improving Places Select Commission spotlight review on the use of external funding to fund regeneration projects.

**Recommendations**

1. That the Council notes that Cabinet approved the response to the Scrutiny Review Recommendations – External Funding.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review on External Funding

Appendix 2 Equalities Impact Assessment

Appendix 3 Carbon Impact Assessment

**Background Papers**

[Town Deal & Levelling Up Fund: Update & Implementation](#)  
[Scrutiny Review Recommendations – External Funding](#)

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

Improving Places Select Commission – 14 December 2021

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 19 January 2022  
Cabinet - 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review on External Funding**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 At Cabinet 28 March 2022 a recommendation was approved that Cabinet formally consider its response to the IPSC recommendations by June 2022, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.
- 1.2 At this meeting a report was presented summarising the findings and recommendations from the Improving Places Select Commission spotlight review held on 12 November 2021. The review examined external funding sources to fund regeneration and transformation projects around the Borough. Several bids have been successful, whilst others had been unsuccessful. The Improving Places Select Commission received a presentation illustrating the status of the bids and funding packages and outlining the projects that would be delivered.
- 1.3 These recommendations were agreed by the Improving Places Select Commission on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and were endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 19 January 2022. The spotlight was undertaken by Councillors Wyatt, Burnett, Havard, Miro, and Tinsley.

The recommendations are detailed in Appendix 1 and as follows:  
That the following recommendations from the review be received:

- a) That the ambition of the service in submitting bids be commended.
- b) That the feedback from the government regarding the Dinnington and Wath bids for Levelling Up Funds be circulated when available.
- c) That the Governance Advisor liaise with the Regeneration Strategy team to coordinate upcoming scrutiny work on markets with a view to feeding into future bids involving markets.

That efforts to ensure Rotherham receives its fair portion of gainshare or "single pot" funds from the Mayoral Combined Authority be noted.

That Cabinet formally consider its response to the above recommendations by June 2022, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 The discussion included some possible ways to strengthen bids in the next round including sharing with the service the outcome of the upcoming spotlight review on markets.
- 2.2 Recommendations were developed by Members and derived from discussion during the question-and-answer session with service leads.

**3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 The recommendations and comments of the commission are constructive and positive and therefore rejection of the recommendations is not considered to be an option.
- 3.2 The recommendations are relevant and timely and therefore deferring them is not considered to be an option.
- 3.3 In recognition of their constructive and timely nature the recommendations are accepted.

**4. Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 There has not been consultation on the proposed responses to the recommendations.

**5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 The Scrutiny Review Recommendations – External Funding Cabinet report 28 March 2022 recommended Cabinet formally consider its response to its recommendations by June 2022, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.
- 5.2 The timetable for implementing the recommendations is set out in Appendix 1.

**6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report.
- 6.2 This report covers the procedural matter of Cabinet's response to the findings and recommendations from the Improving Places Select Commission spotlight review on the use of external funding, there are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

**7. Legal Advice and Implications**

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations within this report.

**8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 There are not considered to be any direct implications for Children & Young People and Vulnerable Adults.

**9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 9.1 There are not considered to be any direct implications for Children & Young People and Vulnerable Adults.



**10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

- 10.1 There are no direct implications in relation to this response to the IPSC recommendations.

**11. Implications for CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Climate Change**

- 11.1 There are no direct implications in relation to this response to the IPSC recommendations, however Appendix 3 provides a Carbon Impact Assessment for the associated regeneration programme relating to external funds from the Towns Fund and Levelling Up Fund.

**12. Implications for Partners**

- 12.1 There are not considered to be any direct implications for partners.

**13. Risks and Mitigation**

- 13.1 In reviewing the responses to the recommendations risks have been considered.
- 13.2 Funding and project risks are addressed on an individual basis in the collation of bidding documents and project Business Cases.

Lorna Vertigan, Strategic Regeneration Manager

Approvals obtained on behalf of:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	06/06/22
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	31/05/22
Assistant Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phillip Horsfield	01/06/22
Assistant Director of Human Resources (if appropriate)		Click here to enter a date.
Head of Human Resources (if appropriate)		Click here to enter a date.
The Strategic Director with responsibility for this report	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment	30/06/22
Consultation undertaken with the relevant Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy - Councillor Lelliott	30/06/22

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Cabinet – 20 June 2022

**Report Title**

Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – External Funding

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment

**Report Author(s)**

Lorna Vertigan, Strategic Regeneration Manager  
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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

This report sets out the proposed Cabinet response to the findings and recommendations from the Improving Places Select Commission spotlight review on the use of external funding to fund regeneration and transformation projects.

**Recommendations**

1. That the Cabinet response to the Scrutiny Review Recommendations – External Funding be approved.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – External Funding

Appendix 2 Equalities Impact Assessment

Appendix 3 Carbon Impact Assessment

**Background Papers**

[Town Deal & Levelling Up Fund: Update & Implementation](#)  
[Scrutiny Review Recommendations – External Funding](#)

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

Improving Places Select Commission – 14 December 2021

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 19 January 2022

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – External Funding**

### **1. Background**

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- 1.3 These recommendations were agreed by the Improving Places Select Commission on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021, and were endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 19 January 2022. The spotlight was undertaken by Councillors Wyatt, Burnett, Havard, Miro, and Tinsley.

The recommendations are detailed in Appendix 1 and as follows:

That the following recommendations from the review be received:

- a) That the ambition of the service in submitting bids be commended.
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- d) That efforts to ensure Rotherham receives its fair portion of gainshare or “single pot” funds from the Mayoral Combined Authority be noted.

That Cabinet formally consider its response to the above recommendations by June 2022, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 The discussion included some possible ways to strengthen bids in the next round including sharing with the service the outcome of the upcoming spotlight review on markets.
- 2.2 Recommendations were developed by Members and derived from discussion during the question and answer session with service leads.

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3.3 In recognition of their constructive and timely nature the recommendations are accepted.

#### **4. Consultation on proposal**

4.1 There has not been consultation on the proposed responses to the recommendations.

#### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

5.1 The Scrutiny Review Recommendations – External Funding Cabinet report 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 recommended Cabinet formally consider its response to its recommendations by June 2022, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

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#### **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

6.1 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report.

6.2 This report covers the procedural matter of Cabinet's response to the findings and recommendations from the Improving Places Select Commission spotlight review on the use of external funding, there are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

#### **7. Legal Advice and Implications**

7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations within this report.

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8.1 There are not considered to be any direct implications for Children & Young People and Vulnerable Adults

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**12. Implications for Partners**

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**13. Risks and Mitigation**

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- 13.2 Funding and project risks are addressed on an individual basis in the collation of bidding documents and project Business Cases.

**14. Accountable Officers**

Lorna Vertigan, Strategic Regeneration Manager

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	06/06/22
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	31/05/22
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## Appendix 1 Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – External Funding

	Recommendation	Cabinet Decision (Accepted/ Rejected/ Deferred)	Cabinet Response (detailing proposed action if accepted, rationale for rejection, and why and when issue will be reconsidered if deferred)	Accountability	Target date for completion (if applicable)
1.	That the following recommendations from the review be received:  a) That the ambition of the service in submitting bids be commended.	Accepted	The commendation from IPSC is noted and welcomed.	Simon Moss, Assistant Director for Planning Regeneration	N/A
	b) That the feedback from the government regarding the Dinnington and Wath bids for Levelling Up Funds be circulated when available.	Accepted	The Council will re-submit a bid into Round 2 with the benefit of feedback received from Government. The feedback from the Round 1 bid was issued to the Chair of IPSC on 28 April.	Simon Moss, Assistant Director for Planning Regeneration	Complete
	c) That the Governance Advisor liaise with the Regeneration Strategy team to coordinate upcoming scrutiny work on markets with a view to feeding into future bids involving markets.	Accepted	A Scrutiny Spotlight Review took place on 18 March in relation to Rotherham Markets and any further workstreams will be identified in response to the associated report emerging from the review.	Katherine Harclerode, IPSC Governance Advisor and Tim O'Connell, Head of RiDO	Complete
	d) That efforts to ensure Rotherham receives its fair portion of gainshare or "single pot" funds from the Mayoral Combined Authority be noted.	Accepted	This recommendation is noted. Members and officers continue to work with MCA to ensure that an equitable distribution of funding is achieved.	Simon Moss, Assistant Director for Planning Regeneration	Ongoing
2.	That Cabinet formally consider its response to the above recommendations by June 2022, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.	Accepted	Cabinet report scheduled for June 2022	Simon Moss, Assistant Director for Planning Regeneration	June 2022

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## PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

### 1. Title

**Title:** Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – External Funding

**Directorate:** R&E

**Service area:** RiDO

**Lead person:** Lorna Vertigan

**Contact number:** 07748 142833

Is this a:

☐

**Strategy / Policy**

☐

**Service / Function**

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**Other**

**If other, please specify:** Cabinet response to the recommendations made in the Scrutiny Review of External Funding

### 2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

This Cabinet report details the responses made to the IPSC review of External Funding. These responses in themselves have no equality impacts in themselves. The implementation of the funds and related projects and equality impact is subject to a separate EIA and full analyses within each Business Case.

### 3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or

the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, civil partnerships and marriage, pregnancy and maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc.

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community? <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i>		X
Could the proposal affect service users? <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i>		X
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics? <i>(Consider potential discrimination, harassment or victimisation of individuals with protected characteristics)</i>		X
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal? <i>(It is important that the Council is transparent and consultation is carried out with members of the public to help mitigate future challenge)</i>		X
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom? <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from commissioning or procurement)</i>		X
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices? <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from your HR business partner)</i>		X
If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason		

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6**.

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4**.

#### 4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made.

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination,

harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).

- **How have you considered equality and diversity?**

There are no impacts related to this report and the responses to recommendations

- **Key findings**

N/A

- **Actions**

As outlined above, where appropriate, detailed equality analyses will be completed for individual projects to assess the equality implications and identify mitigating actions.

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	For project implementation October 2021 onwards as projects developed
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	2022 for each individual Business Case
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	Lorna Vertigan – Strategic Regeneration Manager

## 5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
Simeon Leach	Economic Strategy & Partnerships Manager	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Tim O'Connell	Head of RiDO	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022

## 6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to [equality@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:equality@rotherham.gov.uk) For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

<b>Date screening completed</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
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<b>Report title and date</b>	Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – External Funding
<b>If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication</b>	June 2022
<b>Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement</b> <a href="mailto:equality@rotherham.gov.uk">equality@rotherham.gov.uk</a>	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022

## User guidance:

- The first section of this form guides users through considering major areas where emissions are likely to occur. If emissions are impacted in a way not covered by these categories, please identify this at the bottom of the section
- The first section should be filled as such:
  - **Impact:** identify, in relation to each area, whether the decision of the proposal does the following: *reduces emissions, increases emissions, or has no impact on emissions*. If it is uncertain this section can be labelled *impact unknown*
  - If **no impact on emissions** is identified: no further detail is needed for this area, but can be added if relevant (e.g. if efforts have been made to mitigate emissions in this area.)
  - **Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions:** two sections deal respectively with emissions from the Council (including those of contractors), and emissions across Rotherham as a whole. In both sections please explain any factors that are likely to reduce or increase emissions. If **impact unknown** has been selected, then identify the area of uncertainty and outline known variables that may affect impacts.
  - In most cases there is no need to quantify the emission impact of an area after outlining the factors that may reduce or increase emissions. In some cases, however, this may be desirable if factors can be reduced to a small number of known variables (e.g. if an emission impact is attached to a known or estimated quantity of fuel consumed).
  - **Describe any measures to mitigate emission impact:** regardless of the emission impact, in many cases steps should be taken in order to reduce mitigate all emissions associated with each area as far as possible; these steps can be outlined here (For example: if a proposal is likely to increase emissions but practices or materials have been adopted in order to reduce this overall impact, this would be described here).
  - **Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out:** in this section outline any steps taken to monitor emission levels, or steps taken to monitor the factors that are expected to increase or reduce emission levels (for example, if waste or transport levels are being monitored this would be described here)
- A **summary paragraph** outlining the likely overall impacts of the proposal/decision on emissions should then be completed - this is not required if the proposal/decision has no impact across all areas.
- The supporting information section should be filled as followed:
  - Author/completing officer
  - **Research, data, or information** may refer to datasets, background documents, literature, consultations, or other data-gathering exercise. These should also be added to the **supporting documents** section of the cabinet report

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- Carbon Impact Assessments are to be appended to the associated cabinet reports
  - Prior to publishing reports, Carbon Impact Assessments should be sent to [climate@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:climate@rotherham.gov.uk) for feedback
  - Report authors may also use the above email address to direct any further queries or to access further support regarding completing the assessment

Will the decision/proposal impact...	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across Rotherham as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from transport?	None				
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None				
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None				
Carbon capture (e.g., through trees)?	None				



Identify any emission impacts associated with this decision that have not been covered by the above fields:

This Cabinet report is related to the response to recommendations made by IPSC and as such has no direct carbon impact.

Carbon impacts in relation to the implementation of the funding to which this report refers are contained in a separate Cabinet report submitted in May 2022.

Please provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

Supporting information:	
Completed by: (Name, title, and service area/directorate).	Lorna Vertigan, Strategic Regeneration Manager, RIDO, R&E
Please outline any research, data, or information used to complete this [form].	Green Book Treasury Guidance on Environmental Business Cases
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	
Tracking [to be completed by Policy Support / Climate Champions]	Sam Blakeborough, Policy Officer, PPI, ACES Lorna Vertigan, Strategic Regeneration Manager, RIDO, R&E

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Council – 20 July 2022

**Report Title**

Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Scrutiny Spotlight Review on Young Carers

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

Suzanne Joyner, Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services

Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

**Report Author(s)**Helen Sweaton, Joint Assistant Director, Commissioning, Performance and Quality.  
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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

To report on the response to the findings and recommendations of the Health Select and Scrutiny Spotlight Review on Young Carers support.

**Recommendations**

1. That Council note that Cabinet approved the response to the recommendations, as summarised in the Cabinet report at Appendix 1 and detailed in Appendix 2.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1: Cabinet Report 20 June 2022 - Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Scrutiny Spotlight Review on Young Carers

Appendix 2: Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Young Carers

Appendix 3: Barnardo's Quarter 4 Performance Report

Appendix 4: Draft Barnardo's Young Carers Key Performance Indicators 2022/23

Appendix 5: Case Study

Appendix 6: Equality Analysis Screening

Appendix 7: Carbon Impact Assessment

**Background Papers**

Health Select Commission – 23 March 2018. Report Title. Findings from Spotlight Review of Support for Young Carers.

[REPORT TEMPLATE FOR CABINET & COMMISSIONER \(rotherham.gov.uk\)](https://rotherham.gov.uk)

Cabinet – 28 March 2022. Report Title. Scrutiny Review Recommendations - Support for Young Carers

[REPORT TEMPLATE FOR CABINET & COMMISSIONER \(rotherham.gov.uk\)](https://rotherham.gov.uk)

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

Health Select Commission – 25 November 2021

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 19 January 2022

Cabinet - 28 March 2022

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Scrutiny Spotlight Review on Young Carers**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 As part of the discussions of the Adult Carer's Strategy at the 8 July 2021 meeting of Health Select Commission, a spotlight review was undertaken in tandem with Improving Lives Select Commission to examine the support available for young carers both during the pandemic and entering the recovery phase. Members met with service leads from the Council's Early Help Service and Barnardo's on 22 October 2021.
- 1.2 The three recommendations were generated by Members which derived from discussion during a Q&A session with service leads. This report provides an update on progress against the recommendations, together with details of timescales and accountabilities. The recommendations from the review were agreed by Health Select Commission on 25 November 2021, and by Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 19 January 2022 and Cabinet on 28 March 2022.
- 1.3 Cabinet's response to those recommendations was considered at its meeting on 20 June 2022.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 The Health Select Commission spotlight review produced three recommendations, all of which were accepted with the responses listed against each in Appendix 2 (Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Young Carers).

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 The recommendations and corresponding actions are designed to give Members assurance that their concerns have been considered.
- 3.2 It is recommended that Council note the Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Review Group of the Health Select Commission on the Young Carers as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

### **4. Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 Details of consultation on the proposal have been set out in the relevant sections of the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1.

### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 The timetable and accountability for implementing the recommendations from Scrutiny are detailed in Appendix 2 (Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Young Carers).

## **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 Financial implications are outlined within the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1.
- 6.2 There are no direct procurement implications associated with the recommendations detailed in this report.

## **7. Legal Advice and Implications**

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

## **8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

## **9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 9.1 Any implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults have been set out in the relevant sections of the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1.

## **10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

- 10.1 Details of any implications are listed within the Initial Equality Screening Assessment contained in Appendix 6.

## **11. Implications for CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Climate Change**

- 11.1 Details of any implications are listed within the Carbon Impact Assessment contained in Appendix 7.

## **12. Implications for Partners**

- 12.1 Implications for partners are set out in the main sections of the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1.

## **13. Risks and Mitigation**

- 13.1 Cabinet's recommendations listed in Appendix 1 of this report have considered the risks and mitigations associated with all proposed actions.

**14. Accountable Officer(s)**

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	11/07/22
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	
Assistant Director, Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phillip Horsfield	

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Cabinet – 20 June 2022

**Report Title**

Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Scrutiny Spotlight Review on Young Carers

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

Suzanne Joyner, Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services  
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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

To report on the response to the findings and recommendations of the Health Select and Scrutiny Spotlight Review on Young Carers support.

**Recommendations**

1. That Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the report.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1: Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Young Carers  
Appendix 2: Barnardo's Quarter 4 Performance Report  
Appendix 3: Draft Barnardo's Young Carers Key Performance Indicators 2022/23  
Appendix 4: Case Study  
Appendix 5: Equality Analysis Screening  
Appendix 6: Carbon Impact Assessment

**Background Papers**

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**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

Health Select Commission – 25 November 2021

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 19 January 2022

Cabinet - 28 March 2022

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Scrutiny Spotlight Review on Young Carers**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Young Carers Service is commissioned by RMBC Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) to Barnardo's. A review, carried out during 2021, into the Strategic Partnership with Barnardo's recommended that a new grant arrangement to be put in place for the Young Carers Service for 3 years, with annual break clauses. The review concluded that the Young Carers Service is well-established, with clear aims and objectives, with joint investment and funding from a national charity, that leads to good outcomes for young people.
- 1.2 The total service cost is £76,231. With CYPS investing £42,850 and Barnardo's contributing £33,381 from their own funds. Barnardo's also attract additional external funding to support activities for Young Carers.
- 1.3 As part of the discussions of the Adult Carer's Strategy at the 8 July 2021 meeting of Health Select Commission, a spotlight review was undertaken in tandem with Improving Lives Select Commission to examine the support available for young carers both during the pandemic and entering the recovery phase. Members met with service leads from the Council's Early Help Service and Barnardo's on 22 October 2021.
- 1.4 As part of the review Members considered a briefing on the 'Barnardo's Young Carers Service' which provided information related to the background of the service, with detail on the local and national picture for Young Carers. The briefing detailed the aims and objectives of the service including some key service delivery highlights and detail on the successful application the Young Carers Service made to the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF). Accompanying the briefing was a power point presentation, Barnardo's Young Carers Quarter 3 (2021/22) Performance Report and Rotherham Voice of the Child Lifestyle Survey 2019 Borough Wide Report.
- 1.5 The three recommendations were generated by Members which derived from discussion during a Q&A session with service leads. This report provides an update on progress against the recommendations, together with details of timescales and accountabilities. The recommendations from the review were agreed by Health Select Commission on 25 November 2021, and by Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 19 January 2022 and Cabinet on 28 March 2022.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 The recommendations to Cabinet from the Scrutiny Review – Support for Young Carers were:
  - a) *That action plans and performance matrix be supplied as part of the next update in 6 months' time.*
  - b) *That a plan be developed to address the current data gap in respect of*

*young carers who mature into adult carers, with a view to providing the best preparation possible and making this transition as seamless as possible for young carers who may continue to have caring responsibilities into adulthood.*

- c) *That consideration be given to how best to provide additional support to young carers seeking to access employment skills, education and training.*

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 The recommendation is that Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the report.
- 3.2 All of the recommendations have been accepted and Appendix 1 sets out further detail on how the recommendations have been or will be actioned.

### **4. Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 The Strategic Director – Children and Young People’s Services and the Strategic Director – Adult Social Care, Housing and Health have been consulted with regard to the response to the recommendations.
- 4.2 The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health has been consulted regarding the report and its recommendations.

### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 The timetable and accountability are detailed in Appendix 1 (Cabinet’s Response to Scrutiny Review – Young Carers)

### **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 CYPS has a Young Carers contract with Barnardo’s as highlighted in para 1.2 and the RMBC contract value of £42,850 is included as part of the annual CYPS budget.
- 6.2 There are no direct procurement implications associated with the recommendations detailed in this report.

### **7. Legal Advice and Implications**

- 7.1 There are no legal implications within the report

### **8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 There are no HR implications within this report.

## **9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 9.1 The implications for Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults are set out in the attached Health Select Commission report: Outcomes from the Scrutiny Spotlight Review on Young Carers (background paper) and in the attached Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Young Carers (Appendix 1).

## **10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

- 10.1 The recommendations in this report do not impact directly on the current service provision. The commissioned service will continue to offer access to all communities and groups including those with protected characteristics. The specification was developed after thorough consultation and with consideration of the profile of all socioeconomic groups and communities.
- 10.2 An equality analysis screening is attached as Appendix 5. The screening indicates the equality analysis should be updated prior to re-commissioning process. The analysis should consider the recommendations in this report alongside consideration of the profile of all socioeconomic groups and communities including those with protected characteristics.

## **11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change**

- 11.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report. A Carbon Impact Assessment is attached as Appendix 6.

## **12. Implications for Partners**

- 12.1 Implications for partners are set out in the main sections of the report.
- 12.2 RMBC has a strategic partnership arrangement with Barnardo's, which encompasses the commissioning of four services including Junction, Reach Out, Advocacy, Young Carers. The partnership also enables RMBC to work collaboratively with Barnardo's to explore additional partnership, funding and innovation opportunities.

## **13. Risks and Mitigation**

- 13.1 There is a requirement for Rotherham to deliver services to young carers to ensure they are safeguarded and supported. This requires identification of sufficient resource and delivery of good quality services.
- 13.2 The strategic partnership with Barnardo's ensures maximisation of funding opportunities to support the continued joint funding and identification of the required resource. The performance management framework is now in place to manage the commissioned service provider.

## **14. Accountable Officers**

Helen Sweaton, Assistant Director Commissioning, CYPS

Nathan Atkinson, Assistant Director, Commissioning, ACPHH

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	03/06/22
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	31/05/22
Assistant Director, Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phil Horsfield	31/05/22

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	Recommendation	Cabinet Decision (Accepted/ Rejected/ Deferred)	Cabinet Response (detailing proposed action if accepted, rationale for rejection, and why and when issue will be reconsidered if deferred)	Accountability	Target date for completion (if applicable)
a	<b>That action plans and performance matrix be supplied as part of the next update in 6 months' time.</b>	Accepted	<p>Performance review meetings take place each quarter with the most recent being held on 21/04/22. Data collected includes referral source, age, gender, ethnicity, disability status. Q4 performance report is contained in appendix A</p> <p>Outcomes scores are reviewed quarterly and for this year showed an improved average of 2 points on a 5-point scoring scale. These relate to a reduction in the young person's caring role and their engagement in community/social activities.</p> <p>Updated key performance indicators (KPI) are currently being drafted in collaboration with Barnardo's for 2022/23. These will cover the process from contact and referrals, service delivery, case closure through to outcomes. The draft performance management framework is included within appendix B. Please note this may change following further consultation with the provider. The aim is to report against new KPIs for Q1 (April – June 2022).</p> <p><b>Action plans and performance information will form part of the 6-month update report to Scrutiny</b></p>	Assistant Director Commissioning, CYPS/ Barnardos	<p>August 2022.</p> <p>(Performance Management Framework to be reported Q1 April – June 2022. Quarterly performance reporting and meetings will continue throughout the year.)</p>
b	<b>That a plan be developed to address the current data gap in respect of young carers who mature into adult carers, with a view to providing the best preparation possible and making this transition as seamless as possible for young carers who may continue to have caring responsibilities into adulthood.</b>	Accepted	<p>Good communication and effective collaboration with other professionals and agencies ensure that as young carers turn 18, they continue to receive support as appropriate. Liaison with adult statutory services or relevant voluntary agencies takes place including signposting or referring on to these services with the consent of the young person/family. Effective liaison with other services ensures that relevant information is shared specific to the family's needs. Forward planning is key to this, to allow adjustment and timely co-ordination of support. These are joint responsibilities, incumbent upon all agencies to increase the likelihood of a smooth transition into adulthood for the young carer. The Barnardo's service provision does not automatically end on the child's 18th birthday if there is an identified event or need approaching (such as commencing a job or course) then we can maintain contact to support this key transition.</p> <p>Regular formal meetings take place for all local services to connect and update on issues and developments. The Barnardo's Team manager attends 'The Borough That Cares' Strategic Group, a monthly strategic forum chaired by RMBC. Individual meetings have also been held with the Co-ordinator, to ensure our service and the voice of the young carers' representatives (Young Carers Council) are contributing to the Rotherham Carers Strategy that is under development.</p> <p>Locally and nationally, there is a potential data-gap as young carers become young adult carers as there is no available mechanism for professionals to use, such as a national register of young carers. Awareness raising and information sharing across the childcare and education provision are key factors in ensuring children are identified and potential support needs for themselves and their families are assessed and addressed.</p> <p>There are no current long term follow-up studies in place to gather information from young adult carers. There are significant challenges to consider in terms of data protection and consent, as in essence this study would be asking children to consent to being contacted when they are adults, and their view may have changed or their life circumstances, meaning that they see the 'later' contact as unwelcome. It is likely that such a study could only be an offer that the young person could voluntarily contact the service to update on their progress if they wished to do so. Whilst this may mean that some data is</p>	Assistant Director Performance and Quality, CYPS	August 2022

			<p>collected, it may not be seen as empirically valid with the likelihood that only positive updates would be received.</p> <p>In Rotherham Young Carers are identified when referred to the Young Carers Service which is commissioned to Barnardo's via RMBC CYPS. In addition, secondary school pupils in years 7 and 11 are asked via the Lifestyle Survey to provide information around any caring responsibilities they may have.</p> <p>CYPS performance team are exploring including any children and young people being supported by Early Help or Social Care who are identified as young carers on the transitions dashboard which is currently being further developed. This would help make the transition as seamless as possible for young carers who may continue to have caring responsibilities into adulthood. Any changes would be dependent on ensuring that the data could be collected and identified in the right way and the quality of the data being accurate.</p> <p><b>All information, actions and narrative above will be pulled together into system wide plan to respond to the identified gap.</b></p>		
c	<p><b>That consideration be given to how best to provide additional support to young carers seeking to access employment skills, education and training.</b></p>	Accepted	<p>Effective liaison is in place between statutory and voluntary services. There is an acknowledged shared goal of seeking to ensure that young carers do not miss potentially life-changing opportunities for education, employment, and training due to the demands of their caring role. Individual assessments and tailored support are offered to young people to encourage and support them to identify and achieve their personal goals.</p> <p>Joint working with Social Workers and Early Help Workers continues to ensure the children and young people receive the best possible co-ordinated support to enable them to achieve their full potential.</p> <p>The RMBC Early Help NEET Lead attended Barnardo's team meeting on 22nd March and plans are in place to progress additional support for young carers.</p> <p>Barnardo's staff continue to work collaboratively with Higher Education Progression Partnership (Hepp) which works across the Sheffield City Region to encourage more children, young people, and adults to consider higher education opportunities. Where identified, staff have supported and encouraged parents/carers of young carers, to attend virtual sessions delivered by HEPP to support them with their child moving on to university. Staff at Barnardo's have completed a 'Nomination Form' for Sheffield Hallam University. The form is specific to young carers (also young people with disabilities/Care leavers/LAC and other young people with additional needs/barriers) to access support as a young carer through the application process and when they commence university.</p> <p>Barnardo's Team members supported 2 young carers to a 2-day event in March held jointly by Sheffield and Hallam Universities aimed at encouraging young carers to apply for university and addressing their potential needs and issues.</p> <p>Appendix C includes a case study related to young man's transition to college.</p> <p>From an Early Help Service perspective, all young carers who are NEET will make up part of the Outreach &amp; Engagement Caseload and are offered practical help and support in order to access training, education or employment. Outreach &amp; Engagement workers have a good awareness of young carer needs and work with families to ensure that young people can achieve their aspirations. When a young person is open also to Barnardo's the Outreach Worker will liaise to ensure a collaborative approach</p> <p><b>Consideration will be given to the further improvements that can be made based on and informed by the activity identified above. This information will be contained in the update report provided to scrutiny.</b></p>	Assistant Director, Early Help, Family Engagement & Business Support, CYPS.	<p>April 2022</p> <p>(Ongoing)</p>



# Rotherham Young Carers

<b>Title:</b>	Barnardo's Rotherham Young Carers (Quarter 4 2021-2022)
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## 1. SERVICE DELIVERY

- 1.1** We are pleased that we have exceeded the agreed target of 50 new cases opened within the year. The overall situation was helped by relaxation in Covid restrictions meaning schools and other agencies were more willing and able to allow visits and sessions to take place on their premises. Although the situation has improved, due to the high current level of infections we continue to have sessions cancelled or deferred due to ill health or failed Covid tests. As our young carers may live with others who are vulnerable, we are continuing to follow robust risk assessments and adhering to safety procedures.

Virtual groups have been offered to children each week to offer some focused support and the opportunity for some social interaction with peers. We are pleased that in-person groups will now resume this month.

We have been able to make use of additional Barnardo's funding to provide school clothing grants and have distributed a number of donated devices such as tablets and mobile phones along with advice on safety and setting up parental controls on these devices.

## **1.2 Covid Outbreak Management Fund (COMF)**

COMF funding has been agreed and representatives from the service and RMBC met with Councillors in a Health Select Committee to discuss how the funding will be utilised. Next meeting with the Council is on 19/05/22.

1 - We appointed a new team member in November and her induction is complete and she has begun casework with children and families. This additional casework capacity has been reflected in the caseload figures below.

2 - Wellbeing packs have been delivered to 38 children as the referral is accepted and they are placed on the Waiting list. These packs contain a range of helpful resources for children and are designed to support the emotional wellbeing of the child whilst they await individual support and intervention from the team.

3 - Weekly on-line support groups are being offered to the children awaiting their support to commence. There are two groups, one for older and one for younger children. These sessions are held early evening and serve as an opportunity for the child to begin initial engagement with the practitioners and the chance to cover relevant topics such as how they are coping overall, any common school issues and to share some social time on-line with other young carers. Younger children are also engaging in some joint on-line games within the sessions, but the older children are understandably not wanting this within their sessions. Attendance at these groups fluctuates.

4 - First Aid Training - 8 children attended this bespoke training in the February Half term.

5 - We have had service information leaflets translated into Urdu and these are now ready for wider distribution. (see copy)

## **1.3 Collaborative working**

Regular TAF/CIN/Core Group/Case conference meetings continue to be held virtually with staff attending and contributing to plans supporting young carers and their families (some are now held face-to-face)

Staff continue to be in contact regularly with the wider Barnardo's teams based at Nightingale court via telephone or e-mail, sharing ideas and information for remote working with children and young people, to enable the continued delivery of best practice.

There have been occasions where staff from one Barnardo's service at Nightingale Court (Young Carers), have been able to identify support needs of a young person they are working with within another Barnardo's service (ReachOut/Trusted relationships) and visa-versa. Internal referrals have been made and the joined-up interventions have proved to have very positive outcomes.

Joint working with Social Workers and Early Help workers has continued during this period, to ensure the children and young people we support receive the best possible co-ordinated support to enable them to achieve their full potential.

Rachel Jackson the RMBC Early Help Lead on NEET young people attended our team meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, and we have already been able to liaise with her to obtain support for young carers.

#### **1.4 Transition to Adulthood**

Staff continue to work collaboratively with Higher Education Progression Partnership (Hepp) which works across the Sheffield City Region to encourage more children, young people and adults to consider higher education opportunities.

Where identified, staff have supported and encouraged parents/carers of young carers, to attend virtual sessions delivered by HEPP to support them with their child moving on to university. Staff at RYC have completed a 'Nomination Form' for Sheffield Hallam University. The form is specific to young carers (also young people with disabilities/Care leavers/LAC and other young people with additional needs/barriers) to access support as a young carer through the application process and when they commence university.

Team members supported 2 young carers to a 2-day event in March held jointly by Sheffield and Hallam Universities aimed at encouraging young carers to apply for university and addressing their potential needs and issues.

#### **1.5 Activities**

No social activities took place in the February half term, but Easter social events are scheduled.

#### **1.6 Staffing and Training**

Regular, collaborative work with schools has continued. Practitioners have given guidance specific to working with young carers in school to ensure young carers are fully supported in school and at home. Practitioners have also been proactive in ensuring young carers have received extra support with education and pastoral support where needed.

Practitioners have also accessed and completed Restorative Practice Training. Practitioners have already been able to put this training into their practice where relationships have broken down, creating stronger families.

Staff have accessed training on trauma and working with children with additional needs.

#### **1.7 Young Carers Council**

The Young Carers Council have held 2 in person meetings during this quarter. They jointly visited the Truth to Power Café event at the Civic Theatre in February.

In March, Sarah Christie co-ordinator of Children's Capital of Culture for 2025 attended the meeting to update on progress and seek views from the children.

We have also made links with Campbell McNeill who is leading on the Rotherham Carers Resource Pack as he is keen to ensure that young carers voices form part of what is designed and offered across Rotherham.

## 1.8 Participation

### VIP meetings

Staff are attending on-line VIP meetings, working in partnership with other services for children, young people and families. The purpose is to strengthen the voice of the child in systems and processes that can impact on their lives and those of their families. Information from the meetings is then fed back to the Participation group at Barnardo's to ensure the group are included in any appropriate projects involving children and young people in Rotherham. This group consists of young people from all Barnardo's services in Rotherham, including Young Carers, supported by staff. The group is active in informing and developing the services and being involved in different aspects of Barnardo's work.

### Rights Advocacy and Participation (RAP) Forum

Staff are also involved with Rights Advocacy and Participation (RAP) Forum, within Barnardo's. Staff from Rotherham Young Carers have been able to share their knowledge and practice around this subject with the forum. At present the group are looking at examples of good practice when consulting with young people and how this can be improved by encouraging more young people to participate and gain their voices to influence service delivery.

### 'The Borough That Cares' Strategic Group

The RYC Team manager also attends this monthly strategic forum chaired by RMBC. An individual meeting has also been held with Jo Hinchcliffe – Co-ordinator, here at our base and we are contributing to the Rotherham Carers Strategy.

### National Young Carers Forum

A Team member attends the National Young Carers Forum each quarter to share information and keep updated on new research and developments.

## 1.9 Additional Support: Barnardo's grants etc

### Young Peoples Grants

- Sofa bed & Bedding - £158
- Cooker - £180
- School Clothing - £200
- Laptop - £205

### Vouchers

- Asian Supermarket vouchers - £40

- Love to Shop - (thank you re art exhibition)- £20
- Love to Shop- Family furniture -£50

## 2. OVERVIEW

23 Y P have been worked with during Q4

54 Y P have been allocated between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

## 3. REFERRAL INFORMATION

**3.1** 21 new Referrals accepted in this quarter to Rotherham Young Carers.

### 3.2 REFERRAL INFORMATION for Q4 - 1st March 2022 to 31st March 2022

Please see data below recorded at point of referral:

#### 3.3 Source of the Referral

Source of the Referral	Q4 referrals
Social Care	7
Education	7
Health	2
Family	4
Voluntary Agency	1
TOTAL	21

#### 3.3 Disability Given at Referral

3 Young People were identified as being on the autistic spectrum at the point of referral.

#### 3.4 Gender

Gender	Q4 referrals
Male	6
Female	15
Other	0
TOTAL	21

**3.5 Ethnicity**

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Q4 referrals</b>
White British	20
Mixed Black Background	1
TOTAL	21

**3.6 Age of Referrals**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Q4 referrals</b>
7 – 10 years	6
11 – 14 years	12
15 - 17 years	3
TOTAL	21

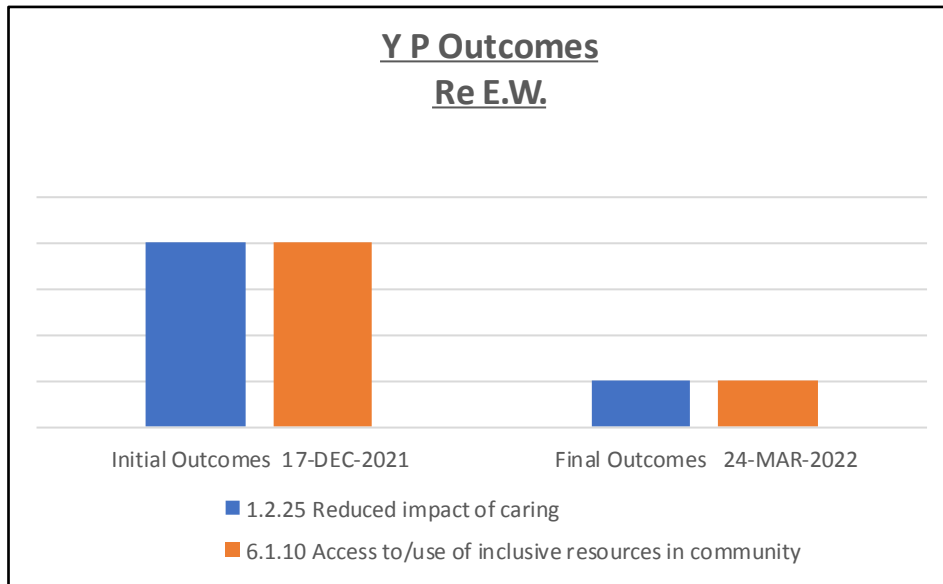
#### 4. POSTAL AREAS / DISTRICTS

##### 4.1 Children and Young People waiting allocation = 25

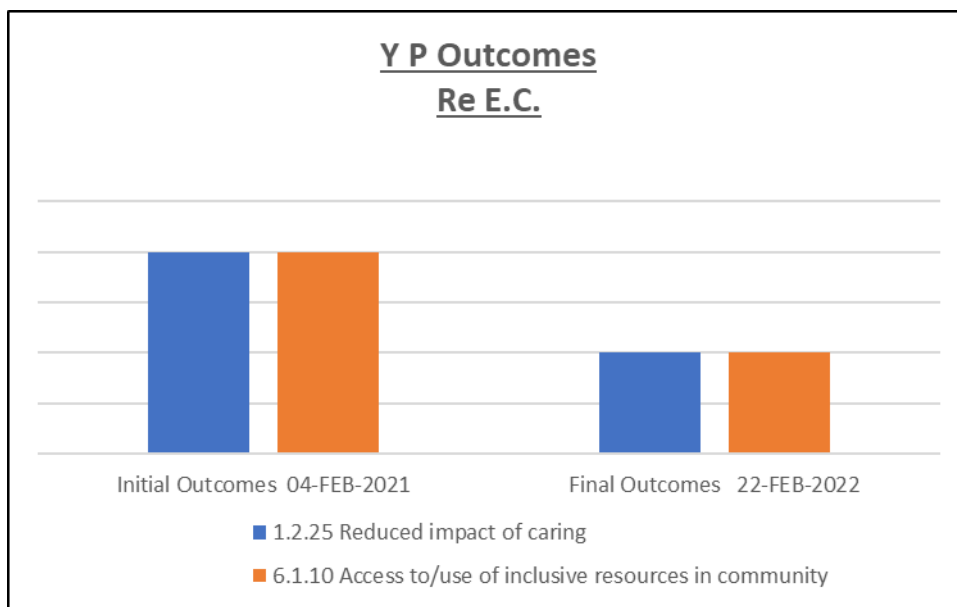
Waiting List		Cases currently Open	
Bramley	1	Aston	3
Brampton	1	Brampton	1
Canklow	1	Brinsworth	1
Eastwood	1	Canklow	3
Kimberworth	1	Dinnington	2
Kiveton Park	3	Eastdean	3
Maltby	3	Eastwood	2
Ravenfield	1	Greensborough	1
Rawmarsh	4	Herringthorpe	3
Swinton	2	Kimberworth Park	2
Thrybergh	1	Kiveton Park	2
Thurcroft	2	Rawmarsh	5
Thurnscoe	1	Swallowest	4
Wath-upon-Deane	3	Swinton	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	Thrybergh	1
		Thurcroft	3
		Wath	4
		Wickersley	1
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>

## EVIDENCE OF CASE OUTCOMES

### 4.1



### 4.2





**Draft Barnardo's Young Carers Key Performance Indicators 2022/23**

(to be reported against from Quarter 1 April – June 2022)

Ref No	KPI
<b>YC1 Contact and Referrals:</b>	
YC1.1	Number of contacts
YC1.2	Number of contacts not accepted as referral
Number of contacts gone onto referral:	
YC1.3	% of contacts accepted as referral
Referral Source:	
YC1.4	Social Care
YC1.5	Education
YC1.6	Health
YC1.7	Family
Waiting Times:	
YC1.8	Average waiting time for initial visit
YC1.9	Average waiting time for assessment
YC1.10	Average waiting time for access to support groups
YC1.11	Number awaiting decision to accept case
YC1.12	Total number of cases on the waiting list end of quarter
<b>YC2 Service Delivery:</b>	
YC2.1	Number of children using the service (annual target 50)
YC2.2	Number of initial visits completed
YC2.3	Number of assessments completed
YC2.4	Number of sessions provided
YC2.5	Number of support groups accessed
<b>YC3 Closed Cases:</b>	
YC3.1	Number of closed cases
YC3.2	% of closure reports completed (closed cases)
<b>YC4 Outcomes</b>	
YC4.1	% of outcome measures completed with young people (case closure)
Outcome Measures:	
YC4.2	% of young cares - reduced impact of caring (+ DOT)
YC4.3	% of young carers - access to/use of inclusive resources in community (+DOT)
YC4.2 & 4.3 Assessment scores parameters – 1 (needs met), 2 (mild need), 3 (moderate need), 4 (serious need), 5 (critical need) Direction of Travel (DOT): ↑ (improved) ↓ (declined) → (maintained)	
YC4.4	% Have Your Say feedback forms completed (case closure)
YC4.5	Number of Safeguarding concerns reported:
YC4.6	Social Care
YC4.7	Early Help
YC4.8	Number of cases escalated:
YC4.9	Social Care
YC4.10	Evolve
YC4.11	Number of complaints
YC4.12	Number of compliments

NB: Equal Opportunities KPI's to be firmed up

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## Case study – Young carer

J was referred into Barnardo's Young Carers by their parent A, who has an immune mediated disease and J helps them physically and emotionally. The referral detailed that J resided with their Parent A, Parent T, and sibling. Their Parent T worked away. Their older sibling was expecting their first child and lives with their partner nearby.

When completing a home visit, the family informed me that they had moved to a new adapted property due to A's needs, they accepted it as adapted properties don't become available often. The property needed decorating and most rooms had bare concrete floors. The family had a broken cooker and washing machine and were struggling financially, due to being reliant on one wage. The property was also a further distance from J's school, resulting in J waiting for the bus early in the morning and often not being home until late at night. Once a week J was even later due to additional lessons.

J discussed worries about their Parent falling in the property due to the concrete floor and how cold the house feels. J spoke of a recurring fear that they would come home from school to find their parent A unconscious on the floor. On arrival from school, J makes the tea and helps complete jobs around the home, struggling to find time for course work.

I contacted J's Head of Year at school and discussed my concerns. Due to the bus timetable J was having to get an earlier bus to be on time, resulting in J having to wait outside. The additional classes being offered due to Covid lockdowns were resulting in J getting home even later. I composed a report that their Head of Year took to the school inclusion panel. This resulted in a plan being drawn up. J was able to attend school slightly later. J was offered support in the day and all their extra lessons were placed online. Time out passes were put in place and weekly catch ups with their Head of Year were scheduled into their timetable. All their teaching staff were informed of their caring role.

I applied through the Barnardo's Covid response fund – 'See, Hear, Respond' and secured the family a cooker and washing machine. To assist with the plan in place in school to support J, I also applied for a laptop. I applied to Barnardo's Grant Scheme for money to carpet the property. Some money was granted, but not enough to carpet all the rooms required. Our service manager liaised with our regional manager and discussed the concerns. The regional manager accessed additional funding through Barnardo's to carpet the remaining rooms.

I have maintained involvement with the family through the varying Covid restrictions and lockdowns. Parent T's hours reduced during Covid, seeing the family struggle more financially. Food parcels were offered to support the family when required. Parent T spoke to me about applying for a local job. We explored the benefits of working more locally on the family. Parent T now has local employment, which means they are more available to the family, and they have informed their workplace of their care responsibilities and the workplace are supportive. J now has a free bus pass which has further supported J and the family.

J spoke to me about how their Parent was struggling with not being able to help their sibling with the new baby. I spoke with parent A and the sibling and with their consent contacted the local children's centre for information. The sibling and their baby started to attend online and then actual classes and groups through the children's centre.

J discussed he was worried about applying to college. I supported him with applications and contacted the college to ascertain what he would need for interviews. J got a place on their first choice of a plastering course. I contacted the college and spoke to the Young Carers lead to discuss J's caring role.

Before college started, I arranged a meeting with the special support team in the college and J now has additional support in college. All J's lessons are sent on PowerPoint and uploaded online should J not be able to attend any of them. J has a Mentor, and all their teaching staff are aware of their caring role and extensions have been added to all their course work deadlines to reduce their worries of possibly submitting work late.

Parent A's condition has continued to progress, and they have been offered a new treatment, which is having more physical impact. J and I have discussed this in our sessions. In discussions with parent A, we agreed that I would make a care enquiry to adult services to consider further adaptations in the home. We have received contact from adult services to update that they will receive an Occupational Therapy re-assessment.

J is doing well at college and benefitting from the support in place. Since the carpets have been fitted J reports the home is warm, and their worries have substantially reduced about Parent A falling. J is feeling more able to focus when at college. Parent A no longer feels like a prisoner in their own home and less worried of falling. They are now able to have their grandbaby over more as they now feel better about baby crawling around the floors now they are carpeted. Parent T is now able to assist more in the home and has managed to decorate, having a regular wage and working locally. Having a working washing machine, has saved the family time and reduced J's worries of it flooding the kitchen and their Parent falling. The cooker has also helped with the food the family can now prepare and reduced the cost and reliance on takeaways. J continues to use their laptop, being able to use it at home and in college.

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Council – 20 July 2022

**Report Title**

Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Sub-Group on Post CSE Support Services

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No

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**Report Summary**

To report on the response to the findings and recommendations of the Improving Lives sub-group on post-CSE support.

**Recommendations**

1. That Council note that Cabinet approved the response to the recommendations, as summarised in the Cabinet report at Appendix 1 and detailed in Appendix 2.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1: Cabinet Report 16 May 2022 - Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Sub-Group on Post CSE Support Services

Appendix 2 Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Post-CSE Support

Appendix 3 Equality Analysis Screening

Appendix 4 Carbon Impact Assessment

**Background Papers**[Improving Lives Select Commission report: Outcomes from the sub-group on Post-CSE Support](#)

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

Improving Lives Select Commission – 21 December 2021

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 19 January 2022

Cabinet - 14 February 2022

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Sub-Group on Post CSE Support Services**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 It was agreed at the meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission held on 3 March 2020, that benchmarking work to inform the development of a needs analysis to underpin the commissioning process should be resumed, with the results detailed in a standalone report on post-CSE support.
- 1.2 Eight recommendations were generated by Members which derived from desktop research and a series of online meetings with officers and Cabinet Members at other local authorities to learn how they supported survivors of CSE. This report provides an update on progress against the recommendations, together with details of timescales and accountabilities. The recommendations from the review were agreed by Improving Lives Select Commission on 21 December 2021, and by Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 19 January 2022 and Cabinet on 14 February 2022.
- 1.3 Cabinet's response to those recommendations was considered at its meeting on 16 May 2022.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 The Improving Lives Select Commission spotlight review produced eight recommendations, all of which were accepted with the responses listed against each in Appendix 2 (Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Post CSE Support).

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 The recommendations and corresponding actions are designed to give Member's assurance that their concerns have been considered.
- 3.2 It is recommended that Council note the Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Review Group of the Improving Lives Select Commission – Post CSE Support as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

### **4. Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 Details of consultation on the proposal have been set out in the relevant sections of the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1.

### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 The timetable and accountability for implementing the recommendations from Scrutiny are detailed in Appendix 2 (Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Post CSE Support).

## **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 Financial implications are outlined within the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1.
- 6.2 There are no direct procurement implications associated with the recommendations detailed in this report.

## **7. Legal Advice and Implications**

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

## **8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

## **9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 9.1 Any implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults have been set out in the relevant sections of the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1.

## **10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

- 10.1 Details of any implications are listed within the Initial Equality Screening Assessment contained in Appendix 3.

## **11. Implications for CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Climate Change**

- 11.1 Details of any implications are listed within the Carbon Impact Assessment contained in Appendix 4.

## **12. Implications for Partners**

- 12.1 Implications for partners are set out in the main sections of the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1.

## **13. Risks and Mitigation**

- 13.1 Cabinet's recommendations listed in Appendix 1 of this report have considered the risks and mitigations associated with all proposed actions.



**14. Accountable Officer(s)**

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	11/07/22
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	12/07/22
Assistant Director, Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phillip Horsfield	12/07/22

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Cabinet – 16 May 2022

**Report Title**

Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Sub-Group on Post CSE Support Services

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

Suzanne Joyner, Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services  
Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

**Report Author(s)**

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

To report on the response to the findings and recommendations of the Improving Lives sub-group on post-CSE support.

**Recommendations**

1. That Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the report.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Post-CSE Support  
Appendix 2 Equality Analysis Screening  
Appendix 3 Carbon Impact Assessment

**Background Papers**

[Improving Lives Select Commission report: Outcomes from the sub-group on Post-CSE Support](#)

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

Improving Lives Select Commission – 21 December 2021

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 19 January 2022

Cabinet - 14 February 2022

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Sub-Group on Post CSE Support Services**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Jay Report identified that high numbers of Rotherham residents were affected by child sexual exploitation between 1997 and 2013. The National Crime Agency continues to investigate historical child sexual exploitation as part of Operation Stovewood. It is important that there are services to support all victims / survivors of child sexual exploitation regardless of whether they are part of active investigations. It is important that any services commissioned by the Council align with the services provided by its partners.
- 1.2 In summer 2016 the Council commissioned support services for young people and adults who had experienced child sexual exploitation (CSE). These additional services supplement the core support offer to any adult who has ongoing support needs provided by the Council through its Adult Safeguarding provision.
- 1.3 To inform the development of a needs analysis that underpins the commissioning process, it was agreed at the meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission held on 3 March 2020 that the benchmarking work should be resumed, with the results detailed in a standalone report on post-CSE support.
- 1.4 The Improving Lives Sub-group on Post-CSE Support met with senior officers, as well as the providers of the commissioned services in Rotherham. This work enabled the sub-group to establish a sound understanding of the services that were being delivered in Rotherham to support survivors of CSE. Members conducted desktop research and held a series of online meetings with officers and Cabinet Members at other local authorities to learn how they supported survivors of CSE.
- 1.5 The sub-group consisted of Cllr Victoria Cusworth, Cllr Maggi Clark and Cllr Jenny Andrews. Cllr Cusworth was Chair of Improving Lives Select Commission at the time of the review.
- 1.6 The recommendations from the sub-group were presented to Cabinet on 14 February 2022 and Cabinet agreed to provide a response.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 The recommendations to Cabinet from the Scrutiny Review – Post CSE Support were:
  - a) *That post-CSE services are transferred to the Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health directorate to enable the greater integration and coordination of support pathways that are available to adult victims of trauma as children.*

- b) That further work is undertaken with relevant partners and survivors to improve the ways in which survivors' voices are captured to inform future reviews of post-abuse services (for example drawing on the research from Sheffield Hallam University, the development of voice and influence groups or other survivor's forums).*
- c) That consideration is given to appropriate governance arrangements to enable elected members to provide a steer on the activity that is taking place within the Borough to stop CSE/CCE and support survivors.*
- d) That the Improving Lives Select Commission continue to monitor the provision of post-abuse support to survivors of CSE.*
- e) In relation to recommendations c) and d), that consideration is given how survivors' voices to inform these processes.*
- f) To emphasise the shared responsibility of all elected members, that an annual training event/workshop is delivered. This is to ensure that all elected members are kept up to date with the activity within the Borough to protect young people from being at risk of harm from CSE/CCE and support adult survivors to move forwards in their lives.*
- g) That the relevant Strategic Directors explore options for sharing best practice with other local authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber Region.*
- h) Drawing on the good practice from Durham County Council, that consideration is given to the language used in the provision of post-CSE support to ensure that it is positive and inclusive of the needs of those accessing services.*

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 All of the recommendations have been accepted and Appendix 1 sets out further detail on how the recommendations have been or will be actioned.

### **4. Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health have been consulted with regarding the report and its recommendations.

### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 The timetable and accountability are detailed in Appendix 1 (Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Post-CSE Support)

**6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report, however it is worth noting that, CYPS currently commission the CSE contracts, the annual value of £156k is funded from the CYPS budget. These contracts were competitively tendered during 2020 in compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council's own Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules.
- 6.2 The contracts commenced on 1st January 2021 and expire on 31st December 2023, but contain options for extensions for up to a further 2 years ending 31st December 2025.
- 6.3 CYPS Commissioners to remain involved in the development of post CSE support to inform needs analysis, commissioning and service delivery of the other elements of the pathway.

**7. Legal Advice and Implications**

- 7.1 There do not appear to be any legal implications connected to the recommendations in the report

**8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 There are no direct HR implications contained within this report.

**9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 9.1 The implications for Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults are set out in the attached Improving Lives Select Commission report: Outcomes from the sub-group on Post-CSE Support (background paper) and in the attached Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Post-CSE Support (Appendix 1).

**10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

- 10.1 The recommendations in this report do not impact directly on the current service provision. The commissioned services will continue to offer access to all communities and groups including those with protected characteristics. The specification was developed after thorough consultation and with consideration of the profile of all socioeconomic groups and communities.
- 10.2 An equality analysis screening is attached as Appendix 2. The screening indicates the equality analysis should be updated prior to re-commissioning as part of the re-procurement process. The analysis should consider the recommendations in this report alongside consideration of the profile of all socioeconomic groups and communities including those with protected characteristics.

**11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change**

11.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report

**12. Implications for Partners**

12.1 The contract evaluation team will have multi-agency representation and the tender evaluation report will be considered by the Trauma and Resilience Expert Reference Group which has representation from health, police and voluntary sector partners.

**13. Risks and Mitigation**

13.1 There is a requirement for CYPS to continue to be involved in the development and delivery of post-CSE support services as they are a key part of the partnership's hub and commission/ deliver other integrated services.

13.2 The extended timeframe (December 2022) for the transfer of commissioning responsibilities from CYPS to ACPHH enables a robust transition plan to be delivered. This will ensure there is no impact on the quality of contract management/ review/ re-procurement activity.

**14. Accountable Officers**

Helen Sweaton, Assistant Director Commissioning, CYPS

Nathan Atkinson, Assistant Director, Commissioning, ACPHH

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	29/04/22
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	26/04/22
Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Philip Horsfield	25/04/22

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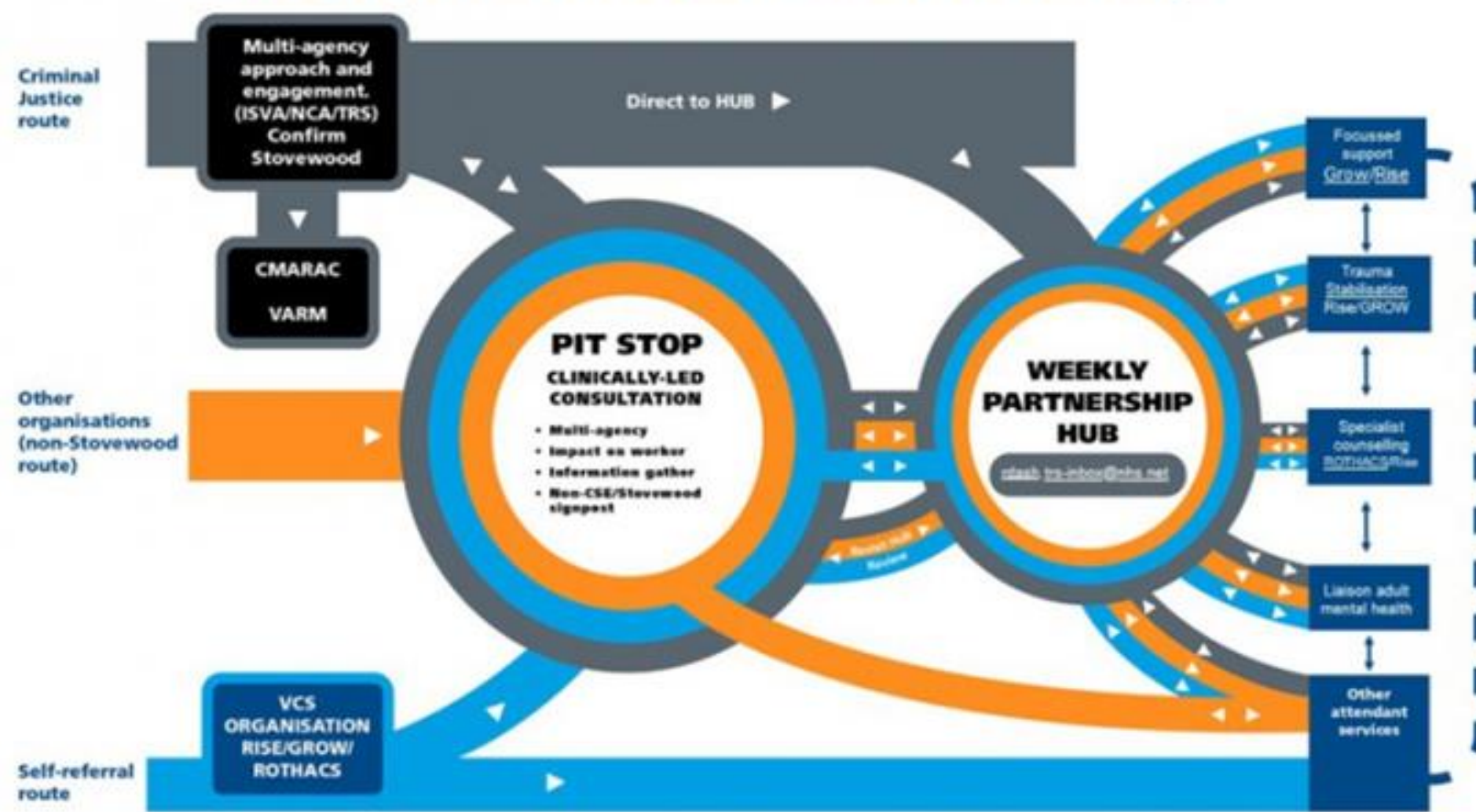
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	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Cabinet Decision</b> (Accepted/ Rejected/ Deferred)	<b>Cabinet Response</b> (detailing proposed action if accepted, rationale for rejection, and why and when issue will be reconsidered if deferred)	<b>Accountability</b>	<b>Target date for completion (if applicable)</b>
a	That post-CSE services are transferred to the Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health directorate to enable the greater integration and coordination of support pathways that are available to adult victims of trauma as children.	Accepted	<p>It is proposed Children and Young People's Services and Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health work together to develop a transition plan to transfer commissioning and contract management responsibilities for post CSE services no later than December 2022.</p> <p>Significant progress has been made by these commissioned services, Children and Young People's Services and Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health to enable integration and coordination of support pathways. This work has taken place alongside wider commissioned services, Rotherham CCG and South Yorkshire Police and the National Crime Agency culminating in the development of the Rotherham Trauma and Resilience Road Map. See Appendix 1.</p> <p>The new pathway, established in June 2021 ensures integration and coordination of support pathways that are available to adult victims of trauma as children and their families.</p> <p>Coordination and integration is facilitated by the Rotherham Partnership Hub, which currently meets weekly each Wednesday and is attended by our key partners from Rotherham Rise, GROW, Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service (Rothacs) and specialist clinical NHS staff from The Trauma and Resilience Service.</p> <p>Three contracts for post CSE support are currently commissioned by RMBC. These are Grow - Practical, Emotional Support and Advocacy for Young People. Rotherham Rise - Practical, emotional support and advocacy for Young People (up to the age of 25) and adults who have experienced child sexual exploitation and Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service, Evidence based therapeutic interventions for young people and adults who have experienced child sexual exploitation. The contracts began on 1st January 2021 and expire on 31st December 2023, if required there is agreement for extension for up to a further 2 years ending 31st December 2025.</p> <p>There will remain an ongoing need for CYPS Commissioners to be involved in the development of post CSE support post the transfer of the commissioning and contract management arrangements to Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health to inform needs analysis, commissioning and service delivery of the other elements of the pathway.</p>	Assistant Directors Commissioning, CYPS/ ACPHH	December 2022
b	That further work is undertaken with relevant partners and survivors to improve the ways in which survivors' voices are captured to inform future reviews of post-abuse services (for example drawing on the research from Sheffield Hallam University, the development of voice and influence groups or other survivor's forums).	Accepted	<p>Feedback from victims/ survivors is used to develop service provision and inform future commissioning and there is a commitment to continue to develop this. The voices of those accessing services inform the use of language e.g. victims/ survivors because some women identify as survivors but some do not wish it to be forgotten that they are victims. The roadmap as at Appendix 1 (rather than a linear pathway) is reflective of the voices of survivors/ victims who are clear it is easier to talk about their abuse with someone they know and the necessity of the opportunity to enter and exit support dependent on their resilience and readiness.</p> <p>Feedback is usually collated on an individual basis, some victims/ survivors who have been accessing the services for a significant period within the three years of operation are now in a position to consider supporting the development of develop voice and influence activity for some this would not yet be appropriate. This activity will be taken at a pace suitable to the victims/ survivors.</p> <p>The methodology for the year 3 research undertaken by Sheffield Hallam University focuses on drawing on the experience and voice of victims/ survivors, this will be published in 2022. This will inform the development of survivor's voices influencing future service and pathway development and re-commissioning of services. This will be reported in the annual update to Improving Lives.</p>	Assistant Directors Commissioning, CYPS/ ACPHH	November 2022
c	That consideration is given to appropriate governance arrangements to enable elected members to provide a steer on the activity that is taking place within the Borough to stop CSE/CCE and support survivors.	Accepted	<p>Discussion with Cabinet Member and Chair/Vice-Chair of Improving Lives to determine arrangements. It should be noted that the arrangements will ensure appropriate governance to steer the activity that is taking place within the Borough to prevent and reduce CSE/CCE and support survivors.</p>	Strategic Director Governance Advisor	June 2022

d	That the Improving Lives Select Commission continue to monitor the provision of post-abuse support to survivors of CSE.	Accepted	Included on Improving Lives Select Commission's work programme annually .	Governance Advisor Link Officer	November 2022
e	In relation to recommendations c) and d), that consideration is given how survivors' voices to inform these processes.	Accepted	The research study from Sheffield Hallam University to be used to develop proposals to inform c and d above.	Assistant Directors Commissioning, CYPs/ ACPHH	November 2022
f	To emphasise the shared responsibility of all elected members, that an annual training event/workshop is delivered. This is to ensure that all elected members are kept up to date with the activity within the Borough to protect young people from being at risk of harm from CSE/CCE and support adult survivors to move forwards in their lives.	Accepted	Factored into Member Development Programme annually.	Head of Democratic Services Strategic Directors CYP/ ACPHH	September 2022
g	That the relevant Strategic Directors explore options for sharing best practice with other local authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber Region.	Accepted	Strategic Director CYP is an active member the Association of Directors of Children's Services, best practice is shared with other local authorities through this forum and there is a commitment to continue to do this. Best practice in the Yorkshire and Humber Region is shared via a Bronze Safeguarding Group which is attended consistently by the Assistant Director Children's Social Care and/ or Head of Service Front Door. Rotherham is recognised as an area of best practice, Kirklees Council approached Rotherham CYPs in relation to sharing learning and the Pathway the partnership in Rotherham have developed for adult survivors of CSE.	Strategic Directors CYP Assistant Director Children's Social Care.	Ongoing
h	Drawing on the good practice from Durham County Council, that consideration is given to the language used in the provision of post-CSE support to ensure that it is positive and inclusive of the needs of those accessing services.	Accepted	<p>Rotherham services have worked with victims/ survivors to consider the language used in the provision of post-CSE support to ensure it is inclusive and respectful of the needs and wishes of those accessing its services. This language is reflected in all documentation. This will continue to be reviewed as further feedback is received in line with recommendation b.</p> <p>A joint meeting with Durham County Council will be organised to take their learning and identify any principles or approaches that can be adopted to underpin the approach to language. Any changes will be reported to Improving Lives by March 2023.</p> <p>After engagement and consultation with key stakeholders the Rotherham Youth Offending Team Board received proposals at the January 2022 meeting to re-name the Youth Offending Team Board as the Youth Justice Service Management Board. This proposal was agreed in April and will inform amendments to all terminology. This follows the change to refer to staff in the service as Youth Justice Workers.</p>	Assistant Directors Commissioning, CYPs/ ACPHH	March 2023

# Trauma and Resilience Service Rotherham Adult CSE Roadmap



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## PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

### 1. Title

**Title: Post CSE Support Cabinet Response**

**Directorate: CYPS**

**Service area: Commissioning**

**Lead person: Helen Sweaton**

**Contact:**  
**helen.sweaton@rotherham.gov.uk**

Is this a:

☐

**Strategy / Policy**

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**Service / Function**

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**Other**

**If other, please specify**

### 2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

The Improving Lives sub-group on Post-CSE Support produced a stand-alone report on post- CSE support to inform the development of a needs analysis that underpins the commissioning process for post-CSE support services.

The Cabinet decision to accept the response to the recommendations will impact on future commissioning of post-CSE support services.

The Services affect those whose lives have been impacted by historical child sexual exploitation.

### 3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, civil partnerships and marriage, pregnancy and maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc.

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community? <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i>	x	
Could the proposal affect service users? <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i>	x	
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics? <i>(Consider potential discrimination, harassment or victimisation of individuals with protected characteristics)</i>	x	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal? <i>(It is important that the Council is transparent and consultation is carried out with members of the public to help mitigate future challenge)</i>		x
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom? <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from commissioning or procurement)</i>	x	
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices? <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from your HR business partner)</i>		x
If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason		

If you have answered **no** to **all** the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6**.

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4**.

#### 4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made.

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).

- How have you considered equality and diversity?**

The service offers access to all communities and groups including those with protected characteristics.

A full Equality Analysis Form (part B) was completed during the re-commissioning activity.

The Post-CSE support paper provides an update to the needs analysis undertaken at the time.

- Key findings**

Survivor voice and Benchmarking/ Best practice should be maximised to inform future commissioning activity.

Improved governance arrangements and involvement of Adult Services would strengthen future commissioning activity.

- Actions**

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	December 2022/ December 2024 dependent upon recommissioning timeframe
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	April 2023/ April 2025 dependent upon recommissioning timeframe
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	TBC

#### 5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
Helen Sweatton	Assistant Director, Commissioning, Performance and Quality	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### 6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.



If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to [equality@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:equality@rotherham.gov.uk) For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

<b>Date screening completed</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
<b>Report title and date</b>	Post-CSE Support Cabinet Response
<b>If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication</b>	Cabinet – April 2022
<b>Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement</b> <a href="mailto:equality@rotherham.gov.uk">equality@rotherham.gov.uk</a>	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2022



#### User guidance:

- The first section of this form guides users through considering major areas where emissions are likely to occur. If emissions are impacted in a way not covered by these categories, please identify this at the bottom of the section
- The first section should be filled as such:
  - **Impact:** identify, in relation to each area, whether the decision of the proposal does the following: *reduces emissions*, *increases emissions*, or has *no impact on emissions*. If it is uncertain this section can be labelled *impact unknown*
  - If **no impact on emissions** is identified: no further detail is needed for this area, but can be added if relevant (e.g. if efforts have been made to mitigate emissions in this area.)
  - **Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions:** two sections deal respectively with emissions from the Council (including those of contractors), and emissions across Rotherham as a whole. In both sections please explain any factors that are likely to reduce or increase emissions. If **impact unknown** has been selected, then identify the area of uncertainty and outline known variables that may affect impacts.
  - In most cases there is no need to quantify the emission impact of an area after outlining the factors that may reduce or increase emissions. In some cases, however, this may be desirable if factors can be reduced to a small number of known variables (e.g. if an emission impact is attached to a known or estimated quantity of fuel consumed).
  - **Describe any measures to mitigate emission impact:** regardless of the emission impact, in many cases steps should be taken in order to reduce mitigate all emissions associated with each area as far as possible; these steps can be outlined here (For example: if a proposal is likely to increase emissions but practices or materials have been adopted in order to reduce this overall impact, this would be described here).
  - **Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out:** in this section outline any steps taken to monitor emission levels, or steps taken to monitor the factors that are expected to increase or reduce emission levels (for example, if waste or transport levels are being monitored this would be described here)
- A **summary paragraph** outlining the likely overall impacts of the proposal/decision on emissions should then be completed - this is not required if the proposal/decision has no impact across all areas.
- The supporting information section should be filled as followed:
  - Author/completing officer
  - **Research, data, or information** may refer to datasets, background documents, literature, consultations, or other data-gathering exercise. These should also be added to the **supporting documents** section of the cabinet report

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- Carbon Impact Assessments are to be appended to the associated cabinet reports
  - Prior to publishing reports, Carbon Impact Assessments should be sent to [climate@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:climate@rotherham.gov.uk) for feedback
  - Report authors may also use the above email address to direct any further queries or to access further support regarding completing the assessment

Will the decision/proposal impact...	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across Rotherham as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	N/A				
Emissions from transport?	N/A				
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	N/A				
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	N/A				
Emissions from construction and/or development?	N/A				
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	N/A				
Identify any emission impacts associated with this decision that have not been covered by the above fields: N/A					

Please provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:  
N/A

Supporting information:	
Completed by: (Name, title, and service area/directorate).	Helen Sweaton, Assistant Director, Commissioning, Performance and Quality. CYPS
Please outline any research, data, or information used to complete this [form].	
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	
Tracking [to be completed by Policy Support / Climate Champions]	

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Council – 20 July 2022

**Report Title**

Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Review Group of the Health Select Commission on the Rotherham Community Hub

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

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Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

To report on the response to the findings and recommendations of the Health Select Commission Review Group on the Rotherham Community Hub.

**Recommendations**

1. That Council note that Cabinet approved the response to the recommendations, as summarised in the Cabinet report at Appendix 1 and detailed in Appendix 2.

**List of Appendices Included**Appendix 1: Cabinet Report 20 June 2022 - *Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Review Group of the Health Select Commission on the Rotherham Community Hub*

Appendix 2: Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Rotherham Community Hub

Appendix 3: Rotherham Community Hub Final Activity Report

Appendix 4: Initial Equality Screening Assessment

Appendix 5: Carbon Impact Assessment

**Background Papers**[Cabinet Report - 16 August 2021 - Contain Outbreak Management Fund \(COMF\)](#)**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**Health Select Commission Spotlight review 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Review Group of the Health Select Commission on the Rotherham Community Hub**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 In line with the Cabinet recommendations from the 16 August 2021, the Health Select Commission Scrutiny function held a spotlight session on the 10 September 2021 focusing on the Rotherham Community Hub and the support for loneliness and isolation.
- 1.2 Three recommendations were generated by Members of the Health Select Commission which derived from discussion during the spotlight session with service leads from the Council with responsibility for the Rotherham Community Hub and colleagues from the Rotherham Federation of Communities and the Rotherham Volunteer Centre representing the Rotherham Befriending Network.
- 1.3 Cabinet's response to those recommendations was considered at its meeting on 20 June 2022.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 The Health Select Commission spotlight review produced three recommendations, all of which were accepted with the responses listed against each in Appendix 2 (Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Rotherham Community Hub).

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 The recommendations and corresponding actions are designed to give Member's assurance that their concerns have been considered.
- 3.2 It is recommended that Council note the Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Review Group of the Health Select Commission on the Rotherham Community Hub as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

### **4. Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 Details of consultation on the proposal have been set out in the relevant sections of the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1.

### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 The timetable and accountability for implementing the recommendations from Scrutiny are detailed in Appendix 2 (Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Rotherham Community Hub).

## **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 Financial implications are outlined within the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1.
- 6.2 There are no direct procurement implications associated with the recommendations detailed in this report.

## **7. Legal Advice and Implications**

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

## **8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 Any Human Resource implications have been set out in the relevant sections of the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1.

## **9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 9.1 Any implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults have been set out in the relevant sections of the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1.

## **10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

- 10.1 Details of any implications are listed within the Initial Equality Screening Assessment contained in Appendix 4.

## **11. Implications for CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Climate Change**

- 11.1 Details of any implications are listed within the Carbon Impact Assessment contained in Appendix 5.

## **12. Implications for Partners**

- 12.1 Implications for partners are set out in the main sections of the Cabinet report listed in Appendix 1.

## **13. Risks and Mitigation**

- 13.1 Cabinet's recommendations listed in Appendix 1 of this report have considered the risks and mitigations associated with all proposed actions.

**14. Accountable Officer(s)**

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	11/07/22
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	08/07/22
Assistant Director, Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phillip Horsfield	Click here to enter a date.

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Cabinet – 20 June 2022

**Report Title**

Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Review Group of the Health Select Commission on the Rotherham Community Hub

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

To report on the response to the findings and recommendations of the Health Select Commission Review Group on the Rotherham Community Hub.

**Recommendations**

1. That Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the report.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1: Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Rotherham Community Hub

Appendix 2: Rotherham Community Hub Final Activity Report

Appendix 3: Initial Equality Screening Assessment

Appendix 4: Carbon Impact Assessment

**Background Papers**

[Cabinet Report - 16 August 2021 - Contain Outbreak Management Fund \(COMF\)](#)

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

Health Select Commission Spotlight review 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Review Group on the Rotherham Community Hub**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Rotherham Community Hub was established rapidly as part of the Council's response to the Covid-19 crisis. Its purpose was to provide support to any Rotherham resident who has been affected by Covid-19 and may be self-isolating or experiencing hardship, with no other support networks available to them. The Rotherham Community Hub call for volunteers was launched on Wednesday 25 March 2020; the offer of support to people requiring help was launched on Monday 30 March along with the Riverside House foodbank.
- 1.2 Residents were able to make a request for help/support via an online form or by calling the helpline number managed by Customer Services. Assistance from the Rotherham Community Hub included help with food shopping, prescription collection, dog walking and befriending, as well as providing emergency food parcels for those in urgent need, including people shielding after being identified by government as being Clinically Extremely Vulnerable and advised to remain at home to avoid contracting Covid-19. This support was co-ordinated centrally by the Council.
- 1.3 The Rotherham Community Hub was initially established by the Assistant Chief Executive's directorate, but staff were subsequently redeployed from across the Council. This progressed during the pandemic period to a dedicated team being set up within Adult Care, Housing and Public Health. The referral process was developed for the team to take responsibility from triage to brokerage of services either through Council services, the Rotherham Heroes volunteers or via community organisations.
- 1.4 The national shielding support programme ceased on the 1 April 2021 with much of the expected Council support at local level coming from the Rotherham Community Hub. The Community Hub was originally retained by the Council until the end of June 2021 in line with the proposed date for Step 4 of the national roadmap and the easing of Covid-19 restrictions. However, infection rates continued to rise and therefore the need for self-isolation support for the general population continued. It was determined that the Community Hub would support a wider cohort than just the former shielded population, with any adult/family in the borough who required assistance arising from the pandemic impacts, but who did not meet statutory requirements for formal support able to access the service.
- 1.5 Funding for the Community Hub was met from Government grants for self-isolation and practical support for Covid-19 during 2020/1. Additional funding was agreed by Cabinet on the 16 August 2021 as part of a suite of proposals for use of the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) to aid the Council's on-going response to Covid-19 and to support recovery in the borough from the impacts of the pandemic. The overall sum of £400,000 was allocated to support operation of the Community Hub until the 31 December 2021. It was agreed by Cabinet that separate to the COMF proposals a review

of the Community Hub was to be conducted and taken through scrutiny to consider its long-term future and whether or not there is value in incorporating the model as part of the Council's wider pre-front door approach.

- 1.6 The emergence of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 in late November 2021 meant that the Council's Covid-19 Response Gold group agreed to extend the operation of the Rotherham Community Hub until the 31 March 2022. This was in line with the funding period for the COMF monies.

- 1.7 The Rotherham Community Hub service ceased to operate from the 31 March 2022 as Government published the *Covid-19 Response: Living with Covid-19* strategy on 21 February 2022 signalling an end to the expected statutory responses from the Council and the removal of specific Covid-19 central grant funding to support the operation of the service through the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) for 2022/3.

- 1.8 The Rotherham Community Hub received 8,252 support requests during the period of operation from the 24 March 2020 until the 8 March 2022 (the Community Hub ceased to formally exist on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, but due to Community Hub officers moving to alternative roles, interventions ended slightly earlier on the 8 March to facilitate a safe closure of the service). Further detail of the summary of Rotherham Community Hub activity is provided in Appendix 2 of the report.

- 1.9 In line with the Cabinet recommendations from the 16 August 2021, the Health Select Commission Scrutiny function held a spotlight session on the 10 September 2021 focusing on the Rotherham Community Hub and the support for loneliness and isolation.

- 1.10 The three recommendations were generated by Members of the Health Select Commission which derived from discussion during the spotlight session with service leads from the Council with responsibility for the Rotherham Community Hub and colleagues from the Rotherham Federation of Communities and the Rotherham Volunteer Centre representing the Rotherham Befriending Network. This report provides an update on progress against the recommendations, together with details of timescales and accountabilities.

## **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 The recommendations to Cabinet from the Scrutiny Review – Rotherham Community Hub were:
  - a) *That the excellent work of Rotherham Community Hub be commended, especially in respect of the befriending service which helped relieve loneliness and isolation throughout the pandemic.*
  - b) *That Members be encouraged to add the Community Hub to their Ward priorities and e-bulletins to better support vulnerable residents and families.*
  - c) *Whereas the current Community Hub model is due to end in March 2022, should there be a further evolution of the Community Hub model,*

*that an update be brought in 12 months' time.*

**3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 The recommendation is that Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the report.
- 3.2 All the recommendations have been accepted and Appendix 1 sets out further detail on how the recommendations have been actioned.

**4. Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 The Strategic Director Adult Care, Housing and Health has been consulted about the response to the recommendations.
- 4.2 The Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care and Health and Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion have been consulted with regarding the report and its recommendations.

**5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 The timetable and accountability for implementing the recommendations from Scrutiny are detailed in Appendix 1 (Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Rotherham Community Hub).

**6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 The Rotherham Community Hub is no longer operating. The financial information pertaining to the operation of the service is detailed at paragraph 1.5 of the report.
- 6.2 There are no direct procurement implications associated with the recommendations detailed in this report.

**7. Legal Advice and Implications**

- 7.1 There are no legal implications within the report.

**8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 There are no HR implications within this report.

**9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 9.1 The implications for Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults are set out in the main body of the report, with responses to the specific Scrutiny recommendations contained within Appendix 1 and an overall summary of the Rotherham Community Hub service activity provided in Appendix 2.

**10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

- 10.1 The recommendations in this report do not impact directly on current service provision as the Rotherham Community Hub is no longer in operation.
- 10.2 An Initial Equality Screening Assessment is attached as Appendix 3. The screening indicates that there is no requirement for a detailed Equality Analysis to be completed as the Rotherham Community Hub ceased to deliver services to the public from the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2022.

## **11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change**

- 11.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report. A Carbon Impact Assessment is attached as Appendix 4.

## **12. Implications for Partners**

- 12.1 Implications for partners are set out in the main sections of the report.
- 12.2 The Council continues to work with the Rotherham Befriending Network comprised of local voluntary and community sector organisations, offering befriending support to people of all ages. The organisations within the Network share a wealth of information on what is happening within communities and who best to support them. The emergence of the Rotherham Befriending Network has been one of the positive legacies of the pandemic response. The Network continues to meet, recognising that the needs are still prevalent in the community across all ages.

## **13. Risks and Mitigation**

- 13.1 There is an on-going need for support for loneliness and isolation across all ages within Rotherham. The Rotherham Befriending Network continues to exist to provide a conduit for support. However, the ending of grant funding from central Government to the Council for Covid-19 response interventions such as through the COMF has removed the primary funding source to provide practical support and limited the potential reach for befriending.
- 13.2 The Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board Loneliness Action Plan is due for a refresh in September 2022. This strategy, aligned to the emergence of the Population Health Management approach from the new South Yorkshire Integrated Care System may present opportunities to identify funding for a systems approach across Rotherham. This would look to support voluntary sector organisations under the Rotherham Befriending Network umbrella to provide further practical interventions to prevent loneliness and isolation.

## **14. Accountable Officers**

Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.

Nathan Atkinson, Assistant Director, Strategic Commissioning, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	Click here to enter a date.
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	31/05/22
Assistant Director, Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phillip Horsfield	01/06/22

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## Appendix 2.

### Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Rotherham Community Hub

	Recommendation	Cabinet Decision (Accepted/ Rejected/ Deferred)	Cabinet Response (detailing proposed action if accepted, rationale for rejection, and why and when issue will be reconsidered if deferred)	Accountability	Target date for completion (if applicable)
1.	That the following recommendations from the review be received:  a) That the excellent work of Rotherham Community Hub be commended, especially in respect of the befriending service which helped relieve loneliness and isolation throughout the pandemic.	Accepted	<p>During the period of operation from the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022 Rotherham Community Hub received 630 requests for loneliness support. The Hub and partners identified that loneliness for many people was a pre-existing vulnerability, which had been exacerbated through the pandemic. The periods of lockdown helped forge genuine networks between volunteers and supported residents through weekly conversations, creating a good foundation to tackle loneliness. Support was directly provided through the Rotherham Befriending Network, linked to the Rotherham Heroes volunteer programme. The Rotherham Befriending Network comprised of local voluntary and community sector organisations, offering befriending support to people of all ages.</p> <p>The Rotherham Befriending Network is chaired by the CEO of Rotherham Federation for Communities (RotherFed) and continues to meet. The Network shares good practice, discusses challenges and opportunities. The organisations in attendance share a wealth of information on what is happening within communities and who best to support them.</p> <p>The emergence of the Rotherham Befriending Network has been one of the positive legacies of the pandemic response. Members recognition of the valuable contribution made by the organisations and volunteers comprising the Network to tackle loneliness and isolation has provided further impetus for the organisations to carry on their activity, recognising that the needs are still prevalent in the community across all ages.</p>	Nathan Atkinson	Not Applicable
	b) That Members be encouraged to add the Community Hub to their Ward priorities and e-bulletins to better support vulnerable residents and families.	Accepted	<p>Members supported the activity of the Rotherham Community Hub throughout its period of operation. Support entailed more than just promotion of the Hub offer, with Members actively involved in developing community responses, linking in volunteers through the Rotherham Heroes programme and working with voluntary sector groups within their Wards and across the borough to enable vulnerable residents to access support from the Community Hub.</p> <p>The Rotherham Community Hub was promoted by Members through their e-bulletins and Ward priorities were tailored, where applicable, to support Community Hub activity as part of the Councils overall response to the Covid-19 pandemic from the period of the spotlight review in September 2021 until the end of the Community Hub offer on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022.</p> <p>The recommendation of the Health Select Commission Review Group has therefore been discharged but is now no longer relevant following the ending of the Rotherham Community Hub service. The ending of the Rotherham Community Hub service offer was in line with the Government's <i>Covid-19 Response: Living with Covid-19</i> strategy published 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 and the removal of specific Covid-19 central grant funding to support the operation of the service through the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) for 2022/3.</p>	Nathan Atkinson	Not Applicable
	c) Whereas the current Community Hub model is due to end in March 2022, should there be a further evolution of the Community Hub model, that an update be brought in 12 months' time.	Accepted	At the time of publication of the Cabinet report, there are no proposals to continue with the operating model of the Rotherham Community Hub into 2022/3. However, the learning from the service; the principles and approaches will be considered in the delivery of the Councils wider offer to the community.	Nathan Atkinson	Not Applicable

2.	That Cabinet formally consider its response to the above recommendations by June 2022, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.	Accepted	A Cabinet report has been produced for 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 in line with requirements.	Nathan Atkinson	20 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
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## Appendix 3

### Rotherham Community Hub Final Activity Report

Period 24/03/20 – 08/03/22

	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Cumulative Total</u>	
<b>No of Support Requests</b>	Being the number of Requests for support logged on the CXM system. This figure includes all requests and therefore includes multiple requests by single contacts.	8,252	
<b>Number Support Request Types</b>	This is the total of support 'types' requested and therefore includes cases where a contact requests multiple areas of support.	10,887	
<b>Cumulative total of Support Requests per Type</b>	<p>This includes request types before and after they were amended around 18/04/21.</p> <p>* This does not indicate that a Food Parcel was issued whenever a request was received, vetting of cases took place, also this figure ONLY includes requests processed through the Hub. Also, this was a new type input on form from 18/04/21, prior to this most requests for Emergency Food parcels came via the 'Other' category.</p> <p>** This was a new type input on form from 18/04/21, prior to this most requests for Financial assistance came via the 'Other' category.</p> <p>*** This was a category intended to cover any support requests not highlighted as a 'main' category. Most were requests for Food parcels or financial help and are covered as such in the table to the right. The remaining number shown as 'Other' were for a diverse range of requests.</p>	Help with Food Shopping	1,949
		Help with Prescription Collection	1,996
		Support with Loneliness	630
		Help with walking or exercising pets	175
		Request for Emergency Food Parcel *	2,655
		Suffering Financial Hardship**	1,811
		Signposted to other Services both Council and External	721
		Other ***	950
		<b>Total</b>	<b>10,887</b>
<b>% Of Support request types as a % of total (10,887).</b>	The table to the right shows that Requests for Food Parcels and requests from people in financial hardship accounted for over 40% of the total support requests received.	Help with Food Shopping	17.90%
		Help with Prescription Collection	18.33%

	Despite a notable 'drop-off' as the pandemic progressed, both Help with Food Shopping and Prescription collection maintained a high % of the total, driven mainly by requests at the start of the National Lockdown. These were the categories that saw most support from Rotherham Heroes volunteers.	Support with Loneliness	5.79%
		Help with walking or exercising pets	1.61%
		Request for Emergency Food Parcel *	24.39%
		Suffering Financial Hardship**	16.63%
		Signposted to other Services both Council and External	6.62%
		Other ***	8.73%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Number of Support Requests from Council Tenants</b>	This is a breakdown of the 8,252 Support Requests logged on CXM, where tenure type is logged.	3,664 (46.47%)	
<b>Number of Support Requests from Non-Council Tenants</b>	This is a breakdown of the 8,252 Support Requests logged on CXM, where tenure type is logged	4,221 (53.53%)	

## Appendix 4

### PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

1. Title	
<b>Title:</b> Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Review Group of the Health Select Commission on the Rotherham Community Hub	
<b>Directorate:</b> Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	<b>Service area:</b> Strategic Commissioning
<b>Lead person:</b> Nathan Atkinson	<b>Contact:</b> nathan.atkinson@rotherham.gov.uk
Is this a:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy / Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Service / Function
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
If other, please specify	

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
The Rotherham Community Hub was established rapidly as part of the Council's response to the Covid-19 crisis. Its purpose was to provide support to any Rotherham resident who has been affected by Covid-19 and may be self-isolating or experiencing hardship, with no other support networks available to them.

Residents were able to make a request for help/support via an online form or by calling the helpline number managed by Customer Services. Assistance from the Rotherham Community Hub included help with food shopping, prescription collection, dog walking and befriending, as well as providing emergency food parcels for those in urgent need.

In line with the Cabinet recommendations from the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2021, the Health Select Commission Scrutiny function held a spotlight session on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 focusing on the Rotherham Community Hub and the support for loneliness and isolation.

Three recommendations were generated by Members of the Health Select Commission which derived from discussion during the spotlight session with service leads from the Council with responsibility for the Rotherham Community Hub and colleagues from the Rotherham Federation of Communities and the Rotherham Volunteer Centre representing the Rotherham Befriending Network. The recommendations were:

- a) *That the excellent work of Rotherham Community Hub be commended, especially in respect of the befriending service which helped relieve loneliness and isolation throughout the pandemic.*
- b) *That Members be encouraged to add the Community Hub to their Ward priorities and e-bulletins to better support vulnerable residents and families.*
- c) *Whereas the current Community Hub model is due to end in March 2022, should there be a further evolution of the Community Hub model, that an update be brought in 12 months' time.*

The Rotherham Community Hub received 8,252 support requests during the period of operation from the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 until the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 (the Community Hub ceased to formally exist on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, but due to Community Hub officers moving to alternative roles, interventions ended slightly earlier on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March to facilitate a safe closure of the service).

### 3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, civil partnerships and marriage, pregnancy and maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc.

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?		X
Could the proposal affect service users?		X
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?		X
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?		X
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		X
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?		X

If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason

The Rotherham Community Hub service ceased to operate from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 as Government published the *Covid-19 Response: Living with Covid-19* strategy 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 signalling an end to the expected statutory responses from the Council and the removal of specific Covid-19 central grant funding to support the operation of the service through the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) for 2022/3.

Given that the Rotherham Community Hub has ceased operations to the public in response to Covid-19 and all Council staff have either returned to substantive posts or secured alternative roles, there are no ongoing equality impacts.

The service offer from the Rotherham Community Hub was universal with the driver being that an individual/household required support because of the impacts of Covid-19. Support was provided to help with food shopping, prescription collection, dog walking and befriending, as well as providing emergency food parcels for those in urgent need.

The service was established as an emergency response at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic and the first national lockdown. Consequently, systems and processes for data capture were limited to essential information only recorded on the CXM case management system to facilitate support. Not all protected characteristics information was recorded on the system with information limited to age and gender. The collection of these characteristics was important in appropriately referring people to befriending services and to facilitate matching with volunteers.

Should the Council look to set up a similar service in the future, then the ability to capture all protected characteristics on the CXM system would be recommended from day one of operation. This would enable more insightful trend data to be obtained as to areas of demand and identify any gaps where certain people were underrepresented or unable to access the offer, despite this being universal, for example people with disabilities or

carers.

Information on the age of the person receiving support from the Community Hub was only captured from April 2021 for example. There is strong data about the Ward distribution as to where the support requests came from, but it is difficult to draw conclusions as to the main customer base for the Community Hub from the limited available data.

Rotherham East (768) and Boston Castle (634) Ward residents made the greatest number of support requests. Wickersley North (23) and Bramley & Ravenfield (11) the least requests. The support from the Rotherham Community Hub was therefore more acutely felt in central Rotherham areas with higher levels of deprivation.

The gender breakdown of service requests was 61% female and 39% male. This may indicate more support was sought for family units (emergency food parcels made up 24% of all requests to the Hub), but the nature of data collection means that this cannot be verified.

In terms of age ranges for support requests, only 5% were from over 65s, with the majority, 58% being people aged 30-50. People aged 16-29 made up 20%, and 17% were aged 51-64. This may suggest that the greatest level of challenges for households were in the working age population, with older people able to access support from other sources.

The nature of support requests made to the Rotherham Community Hub shifted during the pandemic from the original purpose to support people shielding from Covid-19 to a higher proportion of people presenting financial difficulties and as a result a requirement for emergency food. This may reflect the findings from the Ward access points and possible use of the service by family groups. Findings from the approaches taken by the Rotherham Community Hub and the positive learning should be considered as the Council looks at ways of supporting households in distress experiencing the negative impacts of the cost of living rises.

If you have answered **no** to **all** the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6**.

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4**.

#### 4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made.

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>How have you considered equality and diversity?</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Key findings</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Actions</b></li> </ul>	
Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	

### 5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
Steve Eling	Policy & Equalities Manager	23/05/2022

### 6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to [equality@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:equality@rotherham.gov.uk) For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

<b>Date screening completed</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
<b>Report title and date</b>	Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Review Group of the Health Select Commission on the Rotherham Community Hub
<b>If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
<b>Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement</b> <a href="mailto:equality@rotherham.gov.uk">equality@rotherham.gov.uk</a>	

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## APPENDIX 5

### Rotherham Community Hub

Will the decision/proposal impact...	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across Rotherham as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	N/A	The nature of the Rotherham Community Hub offer – co-ordinating the support for provision of food parcels, prescriptions, dog walking and tackling loneliness and isolation was an office based role for Council staff. There were no attributable additional admissions within non-domestic buildings linked to the service as staff were working from an established Council office base, Riverside House already subject to emissions capture (or from their own homes during lockdown periods).	The Rotherham Community Hub is no longer in operation.	N/A	N/A
Emissions from transport?	N/A	For volunteers or Council staff to deliver food parcels or prescriptions to households accessing support from the Community Hub, motor	The Rotherham Community Hub is no longer in operation.	N/A	N/A

		vehicles may have been used to convey the food/medicines. However, there are no records of journeys made available to capture any directly attributable emissions during the period of operation of the Hub.			
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	N/A	There were no waste emissions directly linked to the provision of the Rotherham Community Hub service during its period of operation.	The Rotherham Community Hub is no longer in operation.	N/A	N/A
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	N/A	There were no emissions directly linked to the provision of the Rotherham Community Hub service in domestic settings during the period of operation of the support offer.	The Rotherham Community Hub is no longer in operation.	N/A	N/A
Emissions from construction and/or development?	N/A	There were no emissions directly linked to the provision of the Rotherham Community Hub service regarding construction during the period of operation of the support offer.	The Rotherham Community Hub is no longer in operation.	N/A	N/A
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	N/A	There was no identified carbon capture to offset activity of the Rotherham Community Hub.	The Rotherham Community Hub is no longer in operation.	N/A	N/A

Identify any emission impacts associated with this decision that have not been covered by the above fields:

None

Please provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

There are no mitigations or monitoring measures as the Rotherham Community Hub is no longer in operation.

Supporting information:	
Completed by: (Name, title, and service area/directorate).	Nathan Atkinson, Assistant Director, Strategic Commissioning, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health
Please outline any research, data, or information used to complete this [form].	None
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	N/A
Tracking [to be completed by Policy Support / Climate Champions]	N/A

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Council – 20 July 2022

**Report Title**

Recommendation from Cabinet – Financial Outturn 2021/22

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

Yes

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

Judith Badger, Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

At its meeting on 11 July 2022, the Cabinet considered a report detailing proposals to update the Capital Programme for 2021-22.

The original report providing detail to the proposals is appended in order to provide Members with sufficient knowledge to agree the proposals.

In order to give effect to the recommendations from Cabinet, consideration and approval by Council must be given to the recommendation set out below.

**Recommendations**

1. That the updated financial position as detailed in the report be noted.
2. That the updated Capital Programme as set out in paragraphs 2.83 to 2.86 of the report to Cabinet on 11 July 2022 and Appendices 1 to 4 be approved.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix A – 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 Cabinet Report  
Appendices 1 to 4 – Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2025/26.  
Appendix 5 Equalities Impact Assessment  
Appendix 6 Carbon Impact Assessment

**Background Papers**

Budget and Council Tax 2021/22 Report to Council 3 March 2021  
Budget and Council Tax 2022/23 Report to Council 2 March 2022  
May 2021/22 Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet on 19th July 2021  
July 2021/22 Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet on 20th September 2021

September 2021/22 Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet on 22nd November 2021  
November 2021/22 Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet on 24th January 2022  
December Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet 14 February 2022

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

No

**Council Approval Required**

Yes

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No



**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Cabinet – 11 July 2022

**Report Title**

Financial Outturn 2021/22

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

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Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

The report outlines the final revenue and capital outturn position for 2021/22.

The Revenue Budget 2021/22 was approved by Council on 3 March 2021. A budget of £235.7m was set for General Fund services; this excludes schools' budgets and Housing Revenue Account (HRA). The 2021/22 Budget was supported by the use of £7.5m from the Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve. However, given the availability of the £14m of Covid Funding covering the majority of the Council's Covid related costs, the use of this reserve has not been required. The Council has also been able to deliver a final outturn position of a £2.4m underspend, not through delivering less services but by being able to apply more Government funding to the outturn position than had originally been planned.

This is a helpful outturn position that includes a positive trend of necessary cost reduction within some of the Council's key services including an increase of £2.4m into the Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve along with some planned savings for 2022/23 already being achieved. It places the Council in a more robust position heading into the financial year 2022/23, more able to mitigate against cost pressures and the financial challenges that were not evident at the time of setting the 2022/23 Budget such as the war in Ukraine, the significant rise in energy prices and inflation and to be more able to manage the impact rather than needing to consider making cuts in services.

These financial challenges are being considered as part of the Council's ongoing Medium Term Financial Planning. The energy price rises and inflation will impact the Council's costs in the provision of services. However, some of this cost impact will be mitigated in future years by increased core funding as business rates income is indexed to the rate of inflation. It is currently expected that the period of high inflation will last for around two years before returning to a more normal level. As such, the Council will face short term financial pressures that will need to be managed and mitigated through the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Council's reserves.

The Council's General Fund minimum balance has remained at £25m as planned and set out within the Council's Reserves Strategy reported in the Budget and Council Tax Report 2022/23. The reserve is held to protect the Council against unforeseen events and realisation of contingent liabilities.

The Housing Revenue Account had an underspend of £2.1m, along with the revenue contribution to capital outlay remaining at the budgeted level of £6.5m. As a result of this the HRA was able to reduce the budgeted transfer from reserves by £2.1m. This reduction in planned use of reserves will help the HRA to mitigate the financial challenges presented by rising inflation and energy costs over the medium term.

The capital outturn shows slippage and underspend of £39.4m against the estimated spend for 2021/22 included within the Capital Programme. The pandemic has significantly impacted the delivery of a number of schemes, in the main due to Covid restrictions impacting how works are undertaken as well as a knock on effect on the cost of materials and supply and demand in the market. However, capital expenditure (programme delivery) in the years has achieved a higher level than in previous years.

## **Recommendations**

That Cabinet:

1. Note the revenue outturn position.
2. Note the budgeted transfer from HRA reserves was reduced by £2.1m following the revenue and capital outturn positions.
3. Note the carry forward of the combined schools balance of £3.794m in accordance with the Department for Education regulations.
4. Note the reduced DSG deficit following receipt of Safety Valve funding, as set out in paragraph 2.13.
5. Note the reserves position set out in paragraphs 2.50 to 2.59.
6. Note the capital outturn and funding position as set out in paragraphs 2.60 to 2.82.
7. Refer the report to Council for information and recommend to Council approval of the updated Capital Programme as set out in paragraphs 2.83 to 2.86 and Appendices 1 to 4 of this report.

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**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

No

**Council Approval Required**

Yes

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

**Financial Outturn 2021/22****1. Background**

- 1.1 This report sets out the Council's revenue, capital, HRA and schools outturn position in 2021/22. It also describes the details of the Council's reserves balances as at the end of the financial year. The Council set a revenue budget for 2021/22 of £235.7m and a Capital Programme that was revised to £144.3m as part of the Budget and Council Tax 2022/23 Report to Council 2 March 2022.
- 1.2 The report illustrates the Council's financial position on a management accounts basis which is used to monitor performance throughout the financial year. The Audit Committee will consider the Council's draft unaudited Statement of Accounts 2021/22 on 28 July 2022 and will consider the final Statement of Accounts on 27 September 2022, ahead of audit of the accounts by the Council's external auditors Grant Thornton who aim to present their audit opinion to Audit Committee on 29 November 2022. These required timetables for publication of local authority accounts have been pushed back nationally in response to the additional pressures placed on public sector audit firms as detailed within the Redmond Review. The Statement of Accounts are prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22 and appropriate accounting standards. As such, the reporting in the Statement of Accounts is different in format to the management reporting presented in this report.
- 1.3 In understanding the outturn position, it is helpful to set out the financial context of the Council.
- 1.4 The Budget and Council Tax Report 2021/22 noted that £18.1m of agreed budget savings and cost reductions were required to be delivered across the medium term. A significant volume of savings were predicated on assumptions about social care costs and market conditions. As noted in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) update to Cabinet on 20 December 2021, despite changing demand pressures and wider economic factors affecting social care, the Council remains confident that most of the remaining savings will be achieved over time. During 2021/22 £2m savings were delivered with £11.5m planned for delivery over subsequent years. In addition to the savings to come from directorates, significant further savings were being achieved from Treasury Management.
- 1.5 This means that the Council still has to deliver a total of £11.5m of agreed budget savings over the medium term. The revised timeframe for the delivery of these savings was included within the approved Budget and Council Tax 2022/23 report, recognising the further delay in delivery due to the impact of Covid-19. However, the overall challenge is significant in light of increased demand for services and funding uncertainty for the local government sector. As reported to Cabinet as part of the Finance Update on 20 June 2022, the Council has already secured £3.8m of these savings against the plan of £4.8m to be delivered during 2022/23.

- 1.6 In common with other local authorities across the country, there continues to be increasing demand pressures on social care services. These increased demands continued to place additional pressures on the Council's financial position, which has been closely monitored and appropriate mitigations have been implemented by management to ensure that total expenditure remained within the overall budget for 2021/22 set by Council in March 2021.
- 1.7 Throughout the pandemic the Council has incurred significant additional costs in its efforts to manage and mitigate the impact of Covid-19, these financial pressures cut across three main themes - additional costs incurred due to the pandemic; lost sales, fees and charges income as a result of closed services; and delayed delivery of planned savings. The Council has been able to mitigate these pressures through the use of Government's provision of emergency funding to support the COVID-19 response; Sales, Fees and Charges Income Compensation Claims; and use the Control Outbreak Management Fund (COMF). These grants have been used to fund new and additional costs that the Council has incurred in its response to Covid-19. These resources have also been used to fund budgeted costs where teams had been diverted away from their normal role to carry out a Covid specific role. Whilst Government have provided specific targeted funding to support many of these financial pressures, the gross financial impact to the Council of Covid-19, during 2021/22 was in excess of the £14.0m used to support the Council's outturn position.
- 1.8 The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy was revised and updated as part of 2022/23 budget setting and supports the Council's ambition of financial sustainability over the medium term. It should be noted that the planned transfers to reserves, as set out within the Council's Budget and Council Tax Report 2022/23 have been made further enhancing the Council's financial stability except for the planned use of £1.7m of the Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve as this was not required to support the outturn position. Detail of these transfers is provided later within this report. However, the current financial climate presents some financial challenges for the Council that will place the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and 2022/23 Budget under significant pressure.
- 1.9 Whilst the recovery from the pandemic still poses a financial risk to the Council, there are new significant financial pressures that have emerged since the Council's Budget and Council Tax Report 2022/23. The war in the Ukraine and the significant rise in energy prices and inflation in particular present significant challenges to the Council's financial position for 2022/23 and over the Medium Term Financial Strategy period to 2025/26. The Council will need to guard against the impact of these on service delivery by maintaining a healthy level of reserves and where possible earmarking reserves to mitigate those financial pressures.
- 1.10 These financial challenges are being continually considered as part of the Council's ongoing Medium Term Financial Planning but given that inflation is still increasing and pay awards are not yet known, it is impossible to assess the full impact on the Council with certainty at the current time. The energy price rises and inflation will impact the Council's costs in the provision of services and

any cost increases during the current year will have a knock on impact on the cost base in future years. It is currently expected that the period of high inflation will last for two years before returning to a more normal level. As such the Council will face additional short term financial pressures that will need to be managed and mitigated through the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the use of the Council's reserves if cuts to services are to be avoided. It is there estimated that the Council may need to utilise the £4.1m Transformation Reserve to support the Medium Term Financial Strategy and guard against the uncertain but significant pressures that the Council will face over the current and next two financial years. The position will be kept under continuous review and financial monitoring reports to Cabinet during the year will reflect the best estimate of the impact.

## 2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The Council directorates had an overspend of £4.1m at 2021/22 outturn. Following not drawing down the planned use of £7.5m from the Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve and through use of £14m of Covid emergency support funding the Council's overall outturn was a £2.4m underspend. This has allowed the Council to transfer £2.4m into the Council's Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve, as per the recommendation within the Council's Budget and Council Tax report 2022/23 approved at Council 2 March 2022. This will help the Council to manage some continuing budget pressures in 2022/23 e.g. a further upward trend in the demand for home to school transport, along with the general pressures of the current high level of inflation and the significant increases in energy prices. Taken together, these issues are likely to impact on the 2022/23 budget at a level greater than £2.4m.

The table below provides a summary of the Revenue Outturn for 2021/22. This is followed by a summary of the position by Directorate which includes an explanation of the key variances.

Directorate	Budget 2021/22 £m	Outturn 2021/22 £m	Variance over/ under £m
Children and Young People's Services	63.9	69.8	5.9
Adult Care, Housing & Public Health	87.6	82.8	-4.8
Regeneration and Environment Services	45.7	48.8	3.1
Finance and Customer Services	19.5	19.4	-0.1
Assistant Chief Executive	7.2	6.6	-0.6
Central Services	11.8	12.4	0.6

<b>Directorate Outturn</b>	<b>235.7</b>	<b>239.8</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Remove budgeted use of Budget Strategy Reserve for 2021/22			7.5
Covid-19 support grant			-14.0
Transfer to Budget Strategy & Financial Support Reserve			2.4
<b>Net balanced Outturn</b>			<b>0.0</b>

2.2 The Council has therefore delivered an overall outturn position within budget as expected, with the main factors contributing to the movement from the previously forecast directorate overspend of £8.2m to the actual directorate outturn of £4.1m being explained below.

### 2.3 Children and Young People's Services

2.4 Children & Young People Services continue to implement the budget recovery plan with budget savings of £10.1m across the 2020/21 to 2024/25 financial years. The outturn position at the end of the March is a £5.9m overspend with a £0.9m favourable movement since December's monitoring report to Cabinet in February 2022. In the main this is due to a reduction in placement costs, staff savings, additional income and maximisation of grant funding.

2.5 As at the financial year end the Looked After Children number of 566 is 2 below the budget target of 568. However, the placement mix is showing higher than projected placements in high cost settings for residential (27), emergency (3), Independent Fostering Agency (38), Leaving Care (6) offset by in-house fostering (50), in house residential (1), parent & baby (1) and no cost placements (24).

2.6 The LAC number of 566 includes 13 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children which has risen from 3 in April 2021 to 13 at March 2022. This is having an impact on the ability to reduce the overall LAC numbers.

2.7 The direct employee budget was £37.6m and is a combination of general fund, traded and grant funded services. The budget underspend at outturn is £255k, of which £288k relates to general fund, with £33k of cost pressures across DSG and other grant / traded services.

2.8 A significant element of the CYPS non-pay budgets relates to placements which has a net budget of £32.7m, the spend in 2021/22 was £38.7m, creating a financial pressure of £6.0m. The £6m overspend relates in the main to £4m on residential placements, £2.1m in emergency, offset by £100k savings on Supported Accommodation. In fostering there were £0.8m pressures on IFA placements due to numbers above the budget profile, offset by £0.8m savings

in-house fostering due to numbers being lower than budget projections as outlined above.

2.9 The other major budget pressures across the service relate to transport £360k, and Section 17 budgets £310k.

2.10 Dedicated School Grant Reserve & High Needs Block

2.11 The High Needs Block (HNB) is £45.2m (including the £3.0m transfer from the schools block) and demand remains high due to rising numbers of children supported in specialist provision and the rising costs of Education Health Care (EHC) plans.

2.12 The £731K HNB pressures below reflected demand for special school and Independent Sector placements for the new academic year and demand on Inclusion Services, LSS due to a reduction in traded income.

2.13 The central DSG reserve now stands at £12.8m following receipt of £8.5m Safety Valve funding. This is set out in the table below;

<b><u>DSG Reserve Summary</u></b>	
Balance @ 31/3/2021	21,257,572
In Year Variances	94,740
Balance @ 31/3/2022	21,352,312
Safety Valve Funding	-8,547,154
Revised Balance @ 31/3/22	12,805,158

2.14 The overall DSG adverse movement of £95k was due to High Needs overspend of £731k offset predominantly by underspend on the Early Years High Needs Block and the Schools Growth and Falling Rolls Fund.

2.15 **Adult Care, Public Health and Housing**

2.16 The overall Directorate forecast is an underspend of £4.8m on general fund services: Adult Care (£4.1m); Housing (£152k) and Public Health (£568k).

2.17 Included within the outturn is the Covid-19 impact for the service. COVID-19 is estimated to have a net cost impact of £1.6m during 2021/22. This includes: £917k due to delays in achieving planned cost reduction and costs of transformation; £697k of placement costs due to the extension of the NHS discharge scheme (additional demand) and £608k of staffing and other costs. Additional NHS income for people discharged from hospital £697k, to support the hospital discharge process during the pandemic, reduces the net Covid-19 cost. The overall reduction relates to an



improvement in savings delivery and reduced cost of PPE (now £78k) following a full stock valuation.

2.18

Excluding the cost of COVID-19, the cost of care packages is a net £5.1m underspent. This is mainly due to savings on transforming care of £324k and reductions in the number of older people placements of £3.8m although Covid related placements are likely to be ongoing once temporary funding ceases. Across Mental Health packages, Physical and Sensory disability services and Learning disability placements there is a net underspend of £392k.

2.19

Care packages have therefore seen a reduction of £1.6m since the last report due to a range of factors. Learning Disability placement costs reduced by £1.1m due to lower demand for day care, reductions in forecast costs for some clients along with additional and backdated income from Health contributions. Due to the higher cost of these packages' changes across a small number of people can have a large financial impact. The remaining movement is largely due to reduced spend on older people's home care and care homes, including additional client income. The overall forecast for Adult Care includes anticipated support from the Better Care Fund.

2.20

Neighbourhood Services' (Housing) has underspent by £152k. Additional income from furnished homes and a number of smaller underspends across the service is offset by £601k of pressures due to the increased cost of temporary accommodation.

2.21

Public Health service is underspent by £568k. The NHS Health Check programme (£250k) has been paused through the pandemic to reduce the risk from face-to-face contact and to support the capacity issues in primary care. The remainder is due to underspends on several demand-led services.

## 2.22 **Regeneration and Environment**

2.23

Regeneration and Environment Services outturn was an overspend of £3.1m, which represents a reduction of £1.1m from the £4.2m reported to Cabinet in February 2022. The outturn position reflects the impact of ongoing demographic pressures in Home to School transport and the 'tailing' impact of the lockdown restrictions and resulting economic impact arising from them, on many of the Directorate's Services. For example, a continuation of the increases in waste tonnages resulting from greater working from home, and the impact on income generation and cost pressures arising as a result of social distancing requirements and other Covid linked measures that were required to be put in place.

2.24

The £1.1m improvement has resulted from lower than anticipated expenditure in some areas, notably Asset Management. Higher than anticipated income, particularly in Culture, Sport and Tourism as a result of the easing and then ending of lockdown restrictions and favourable weather during the final quarter of the year and some staff savings arising from vacancies across the directorate.

2.25

A summary of the main overall budget variances are identified below:

- 2.26 Planning Regeneration and Transport
- 2.27 The Planning, Regeneration and Transport division overspent by £0.7m. The most significant outturn pressure was in Facilities Services of £0.4m, where although cleaning income was higher than forecast, this only partly offset pressures in School Meals as a result of income losses from pupil absences and higher food costs.
- 2.28 Asset Management recorded an outturn pressure of £0.3m, largely as a result of higher than budgeted repairs and maintenance costs, expenditure on fixtures and fittings and covid related security costs. This did, however, improve by £0.4m from February's Cabinet report as repairs and maintenance costs, although overspent, were lower than anticipated. In addition, there was a higher saving than anticipated on utilities, as a result of reduced building usage.
- 2.29 Culture, Sport and Tourism
- 2.30 Culture, Sport and Tourism overspent by £0.3m. This represents a £0.4m improvement to the forecast from February Cabinet, as a result of higher than forecast income from fees and charges across the service during the final part of the year as the covid recovery continued.
- 2.31 Commercial Development, which includes Waleswood Caravan Park, reported an overspend of £0.3m, an improvement of £0.2m from February. The Green Spaces Service, which includes the Borough's Country Parks and Facilities, ended the year with a £0.1m pressure. These pressures were offset in part by reduced costs in Libraries, an underspend of £0.3m, an improvement of £0.1m from the February Cabinet report, due to a combination of staff vacancies and savings on expenditure on supplies.
- 2.32 Income improvements in other areas, including Registrars and the School Music Service, contributed to the improvement in the overall position.
- 2.33 Community Safety and Streetscene
- 2.34 Community Safety and Streetscene overspent by £2.1m. The most significant pressure in this service is in respect of Corporate Transport, £1.7m overspent, as a result of ongoing demand pressures in Home to School Transport which are affecting all local authorities. These pressures have been recognised by the approval of a £1m revenue investment in this Service, as part of the approved 2022/23 Council budget. The recurring and increasing pressure on Home to School Transport bears comparison with other Council's. The Service is progressing a number of developments that are expected to influence favourably both cost and demand.
- 2.35 Waste Management recorded an outturn pressure of £0.8m, £0.3m higher than the forecast in the February Cabinet report. This is split between disposal (£0.5m) and collection (£0.3m). The pressure on Waste disposal costs has arisen as a result of extra tonnages being collected from the kerbside, as people spent more time at home. Waste Collection has shown an overspend as a result of additional agency costs, resulting from the impact of Covid on staff absences.

- 2.36 Savings in Regulation and Enforcement of £0.3m were recorded as a result of staff vacancies. Network Management underspent by £0.1m, an improvement of £0.4m from February's Cabinet report. Increased income in Streetworks and Enforcement, and reduced energy costs in Street Lighting as a result of the LED replacement programme contributed to this improvement.

2.37 **Finance and Customer Services**

- 2.38 There was an underspend of £105k for the Directorate outturn, details of which are set out below.

Legal Services - £417k underspend – Legal Services faces continued demand for legal support with child protection hearings and court case costs relating to Looked After Children. However, reduced costs of legal disbursements and difficulties in recruiting to key posts, in particular within Adult Social Care legal support, are currently resulting in a forecast £417k underspend. However, the number of cases during the year remains volatile and will continue to be monitored closely.

Customer Information and Digital Services - £549k underspend – Within Customer, Information and Digital Services the service has a pressure within the corporate mail and print service following a centralisation of print services. The print service had an income shortfall of £100k. Following the changes to ways of working as a result of the pandemic the service has seen a significant reduction in print costs that is mitigating this income shortfall. Now the budgets have been centralised the service are better placed to control print usage and implement a strategy to minimise print whilst promoting digitalised service provision.

The service holds the Council's ICT Contracts budgets and since their centralisation has been working towards streamlining the volume of ICT system and service contracts the Council holds. This work has generated savings during the course of the year as contracts have not been renewed if not required or at a more beneficial price.

The service has also incurred difficulties with recruitment which has further increased the forecast underspend.

Financial Services - £0.7m overspend - The service has an overspend following a review of provisions across Housing Benefits and Insurance. The Housing Benefit technical adjustments for bad debt provision have been increased in light of the emerging household costs and energy crisis, along with the economic impact of the war in Ukraine and inflation.

2.39 **Assistant Chief Executive**

- 2.40 The service has a £594k underspend at outturn, in the main due to carrying a number of vacant posts within the HR service, whilst a review of service requirements was finalised as part of delivery the Customer and Digital Savings that were attributed to the Directorate. In addition, there were wider vacancies within the directorate as a result of staff turnover and challenges with recruitment.

## 2.41 **Central Services**

2.42 The outturn for the Central Services was forecast within December's Financial Monitoring, reported to Cabinet in February 2022, as a £0.8m pressure, relating to the Regeneration & Environment Directorate's customer services saving that had been budgeted for here. However, the final outturn was a £0.6m overspend, an improvement of £0.2m. This is mainly due to general efficiencies on centrally managed budgets that have delivered savings, for example the inflation budget for 2021/22 was based on 2% pay award, however, the final pay award was agreed at 1.75% in March 2022.

2.43 Within Central Services, savings were delivered from a range of activities within the treasury management strategy (£5.6m), including effective cash flow planning and monitoring, along with management of the loans portfolio to take advantage of the low cost of short-term funds, whilst also securing £227m of new PWLB Long Term borrowing at an average rate of 1.5%.

2.44 In addition, the Council's initial outturn position allowed the Council to process several planned transfers to reserves:

- Not draw down any of the £7.5m Budget Strategy Reserve as planned within the 2021/22 Budget allowing it to remain within reserves.
- Draw down £13.6m of Covid Emergency Support grants and £0.4m of Sales, Fees and Charges income to support the 2021/22 outturn position that includes in excess of £14m of Covid related costs across budgeted spend, additionality, income losses and delayed delivery of savings.
- Transfer of Treasury Management savings of £5.6m generated in 2021/22 have been taken to a new Treasury Management Savings Reserve as approved within the Council's Budget and Council Tax Report 2022/23.
- £0.5m transfer to Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve to enable re-provision of 2021/22 revenue investments that have slipped into 2022/23 for delivery.

## 2.45 **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) OUTTURN 2021/22**

2.46 The Housing Revenue Account is a statutory ring-fenced account that the Council has to maintain in respect of the income and expenditure incurred in relation to its council dwellings and associated assets. The HRA is £2.1m underspent.

2.47 The underspend relates to:

- £1.2m underspend on Repairs and Maintenance in the main as a result of Covid interventions which restricted activity during lockdown, fewer void works and slippage on some planned works into 2022/23.
- £1.1m underspend on supervision and management in the main due to vacancies, reduced costs running neighbourhood centres along with reduced ICT costs and fees for Right to Buy applications.
- £0.3m reduction to the bad debt provision due to well-maintained rent collection rates.

- £0.4m pressure on Cost of Capital interest rates on debt and underachievement of income across garage rents and District Heating.

2.48 The Housing Revenue Account had an underspend of £2.1m, along with the revenue contribution to capital outlay remaining at the budgeted level of £6.5m. As a result of this the HRA was able to reduce the budgeted transfer from reserves by £2.1m. This reduction in planned use of reserves will help the HRA to mitigate the financial challenges presented by rising inflation and energy costs over the medium term.

2.49 **SCHOOLS OUTTURN 2021/22**

School balances at the end of 2021/22 for the Council's maintained schools was £3.794m. This is a £0.614m increase compared to the previous year and takes account of two schools that have converted to academies (£187k surplus) during 2021/22.

2.50 **RESERVES**

2.51 The Council's budget for 2021/22 included a reserves strategy that made available use of £7.5m Budget Strategy Reserve to support the Council's financial position for 2021/22. However, due to the identification of estimated additional savings during the year from Central Services budgets, primarily within the Treasury Management function (£5.0m) and use of Governments emergency Covid-19 support grants to mitigate in year pressures, the Budget Strategy Reserve was not required.

2.52 Therefore the Budget and Council Tax 2022/23 report approved at Council 2 March 2022 set out that the £7.5m planned use of the Budget Strategy Reserve was to be reduced to £1.7m and the £5.0m Treasury Management savings were to be transferred to a new Treasury Management Savings Reserve. This would provide further support to the Council's 2022/23 budget and provide support to the Medium Term Financial Strategy. It is therefore already earmarked and not a reserve that can be used for any additional investments.

2.53 In addition, the Budget and Council Tax 2022/23 report set out the proposed Reserves Strategy. This included a recommendation to transfer any 2021/22 revenue outturn position underspend into the Council's reserves to be held within the Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve and the transfer of any 2021/22 un-ringfenced Covid funding balances into the Council's reserves to meet Covid related pressures and costs in 2022/23.

2.54 The following transfers to reserves have been carried out as per the recommendations within the Budget and Council Tax 2022/23 report:

- Transfer the Council's remaining £3.7m Budget Contingency reserve to the Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve.
- £2.8m Local Council Tax Support Grant transferred to reserve which has been earmarked to fund the Local Council Tax Support top up scheme for 2022/23 with the balance remaining to be part of considerations for a 2023/24 top-up scheme.
- The Spending Review 2021 confirmed government would compensate local authorities for 75% of irrecoverable losses in Council Tax in respect of 2020/21.

This has enabled £0.7m Collection Fund Income Guarantee Grant to be transferred to reserve.

- £5.6m Treasury Management Savings transferred to reserve to support the budget across the medium term. This is £0.6m more than the £5.0m estimated at time of the Budget and Council Tax 2022/23 report.
- £15.5m net transfer from the Other Grants Reserve, including the use of the Covid Emergency Support funding, COMF grant and S31 Grants provided in relation to Covid 19 that the Council has to account for in 2021/22.
- Transfer the Council's remaining £2.4m underspend position to the Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve.

In addition, the following transfer to reserve is proposed;

- Transfer £0.5m from Central Services into the Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve to fund the completion of 2021/22 revenue investments where commencement in 2021/22 was delayed slightly, in order to ensure the full amount of investment funding is made available. This was intended when the Budget was set with the value to be determined once outturn expenditure was known.

It is currently estimated that the Council will need to use some or all of the Transformation Reserve of £4.1m to guard against the current national and international economic conditions. These pressures will present significant financial challenges for the Council across the Medium Term Financial Strategy period. Some of these challenges are volatile and subject to issues outside of the Council's control and therefore it remains complex to forecast their impact at the current time.

2.55 In summary, this means that the total of Corporate Reserves balances at the Financial Outturn 2021/22 is £65.8m, which is £6.1m more than the £59.7m estimated in the Budget and Council Tax 2022/23 report. The individual reserve balances are shown in the table below. The Budget Report 2022/23 planned for £7.1m use of reserves in 2022/23. Based on the 2021/22 Outturn position, that will leave a total of £58.7m Corporate Reserves at the end of the new financial year.

2.56 In addition, the Council's Corporate Other Grants Reserve has reduced from £27.4m to £11.9m as the Council has delivered a wide variety of grant schemes during 2021/22, predominantly Covid grant support schemes for individuals and businesses. The breakdown of the Covid-19 Grants Reserve balance of £11.9m brought forward into 2022/23 is as follows:

#### Collection Fund - £5.9m

- £5.9m of S31 Grants to support rate relief provided during 21/22 that will be accounted for in the Collection Fund during 22/23.

#### General Fund - £6.0m

- £1.2m of COMF grant received and not yet utilised. £2.2m of this is committed in 2021/22.

- £2.3m New burdens funding received across a number of grant, Council Tax and Business Rates related work streams.
- £2.4m RMBC element of Covid Additional Relief Fund, the grant will be applied during 2022/23.
- £0.1m LRSG grants held back in relation to fraudulent and error payments, currently in the recovery process.

2.57 The Corporate Reserve balances are shown in the table below.

2.58 **Table 3 Total Corporate Earmarked Reserves as at 31 March 2022**

	Projected Balance at 31 March 2022 (per Budget Report 22/23) £m	Actual Balance as at 31 March 2022 £m	Transfer to/(from) in the year £m
<b>General Fund Reserves</b>			
Budget and Financial Strategy	13.3	17.8	4.5
Transformation	4.1	4.1	0.0
Business Rates	4.0	4.0	0.0
Corporate Revenue Grants Reserve	0.8	1.8	1.0
Children's and Young Peoples Services Social Care Reserve	2.0	2.0	0.0
Covid Recovery Fund	2.0	2.0	0.0
Local Council Tax Support Grant	2.8	2.8	0.0
Collection Fund Income Guarantee Grant	0.7	0.7	0.0
Treasury Management Savings	5.0	5.6	0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>General Fund Minimum Balance</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>59.7</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>6.1</b>
	<b>Balance B/fwd from 2020/21</b>	<b>Balance C/fwd to 2022/23</b>	
Council Tax Rebate Grant	0	17.0	
Other Grants	27.4	11.9	

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**Capital Reserves**

The total earmarked and un-earmarked capital reserve balances at the end of 2021/22 are shown in Table 4 below.

**Table 4 Capital Reserves as at 31 March 2022**

	<b>Balance as at 31 March 2022</b>	<b>Committed Resources</b>	<b>Un- earmarked as at 31 March 2022</b>
	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>
<b>Capital Receipts</b>			
General Fund	0.2	0.2	0.0
Housing	11.6	5.3	6.3
HRA	7.7	7.7	0.0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>
<b>Capital Grants – Unapplied</b>			
General Fund	23.8	23.8	0
HRA	1.5	1.5	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Major Repairs Reserve – HRA</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>6.3</b>

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**CAPITAL OUTTURN 2021/22**

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The Capital Programme 2021/22 now totals £144.347m split between the General Fund £92.171m and HRA £52.176m. As at the financial year end 31 March 2022, the capital programme had expenditure of £104.9m, with underspend and slippage of (£39.4m). The programme was an ambitious target. However the impact and recovery from the Covid 19 pandemic along with rising inflation have significantly impacted its delivery. This has been seen through restrictions to scheme delivery on contractors and the need to re-think, re-engineer schemes or find new funding solutions when inflationary based cost increases have been seen.

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The level of slippage on the Capital Programme is reflective of the delivery challenges that the Council faces due to built up demand in the supplier market due to Covid, inflation and the Council's Capital Programme is the largest it has ever been. The outturn position shows that 72.6% of the capital programme expenditure has been delivered, against a budget for 2021/22 of £144.3m. Comparatively, in 2020/21 the Council delivered 64% of the capital programme expenditure, against a budget of £125.3m. The Council's position is improving though the Council remains on an improvement journey in terms of Capital delivery and management. The improved



Capital Governance Procedures, approved at Council in September 2021, are now starting to take hold and this will steer the Council towards improved delivery and control.

**Table 4 Capital Outturn 2021/22**

Directorate	2021/22 Budget £m	2021/22 Outturn £m	2021/22 Variance £m
<b>General Fund Capital</b>			
Children and Young Peoples Services	10.215	7.503	-2.712
Assistant Chief Executive	0.373	0.099	-0.274
Adult Care & Housing	5.297	3.616	-1.680
Finance & Customer Services	3.349	1.777	-1.573
Regeneration & Environment	70.937	47.837	-23.100
Capitalisation Direction	2.000	0.000	-2.000
<b>Total General Fund Capital</b>	<b>92.171</b>	<b>60.832</b>	<b>-31.339</b>
Total HRA Capital	52.176	44.106	-8.070
<b>Total RMBC Capital Programme</b>	<b>144.347</b>	<b>104.938</b>	<b>-39.409</b>

## 2.63 Children and Young People's Services

2.64 The CYPS capital programme outturn had £2.712m of slippage against the approved budget of £10.215m. The main variances contributing to this position are:

- Schools PFI Lifecycle, £0.837m slippage. The lifecycle maintenance work carried out in 2021/22 was lower than the budgeted amount. These budgets are very difficult to forecast with information only being provided by the PFI contractor towards the end of each financial year. The budget profile has been updated to reflect the outturn position.
- Children's Residential homes, £1.130m slippage. The acquisition and fitting out of these residential homes' phase III have not proceeded as quickly as had hoped. The Council is exploring several properties and going through a rigorous approval before purchasing the properties to ensure they are fit for purpose. However, the housing market is very buoyant with properties often sold before the Council is able to obtain the necessary approvals.

As part of the outturn position the following key outputs have been delivered:

- Secondary schools: Contributed towards the building of 10 new classrooms at Rawmarsh academy.
- SEND Phase 3: Purchased and fitted out part of the Dinnington college site creating 135 places in Block A, with a further 44 places in Blocks C & D.
- Investment in 17 primary schools utilising the capital enhancement programme.
- Adaptations to foster carers homes: 3 extensions completed as part of this programme.

## 2.65 **Adult Care & Housing**

2.66 The Adult Care & Housing capital programme outturn had £1.680m of slippage against the approved budget of £5.297m. The main variances contributing to this position are:

- Fair Access to All (Assistive Technology), Private Sector – £0.301m underspend. The scheme is a responsive service, therefore demand driven. A carry forward request has been made to roll this underspend into the new financial year.
- Fair Access to All (Aids and Adaptations Privates – DFG's), underspent by £1.038m. A roll forward request of £0.862m for work that is on back log is proposed. The criteria for allocating these funds is under review with the intention to facilitate increased investment in this area.

As part of the outturn position the following key outputs have been delivered:

- 163 DFG's completed
- A further 51 DFG's started.

## 2.67 **Assistant Chief Executive**

2.68 The Assistant Chief Executive capital programme outturn had £0.274m of underspend and slippage against the approved budget of £0.373m.

- Badsley Moor Lane Community Hub, £0.181m slippage. The project has slipped whilst a funding solution was found for a budget shortfall. This has now been resolved and the project will be delivered in 2022/23.

As part of the outturn position the following key outputs have been delivered:

- 55 projects supported across the borough through the ward allocations, broken down as follows:-
  - North – 22 projects
  - South – 20 projects
  - Central – 13 projects

## 2.69 **Finance & Customer Services**

2.70 The Finance & Customer Services capital programme outturn had £1.573m of underspend and slippage against the approved budget of £3.349m.

The main variances contributing to this position are:

- Digital inclusion, £0.200m slippage. The programme is commencing now that a manager has been employed to lead the work and undertaken research baselining.
- Automation, £0.070m slippage. The service have employed 2 staff to deliver the work, however they are facing difficulties recruiting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> post. The project started 6 months later than anticipated, however a proof of concept process has been delivered and the service are now moving into identifying other services which could benefit from this technology.
- Hybrid Meeting Rooms, £0.090m slippage. The original project estimate was for a full rollout of hybrid technology in 2021/22. However, a phased implementation was subsequently agreed which has so far seen 10 rooms within Riverside House installed, capability at Maltby JSC and Hellaby Depot, as well as the Council Chamber within the Town Hall. Other Joint Service Centres and Rockingham PDC currently being planned.
- Computer Refresh, £0.297m slippage. Only purchases were made to meet the ability to avoid holding expensive stock and unused warranties. In addition, the planned mobile phone refresh has been put on hold, whilst the future requirements are reviewed which has highlighted that Mobile Voice and Data Contract are likely to be significantly less than current numbers of issued devices. There is a plan to reprofile this budget to better reflect the revised plans for a programme of refresh.

As part of the outturn position the following key outputs have been delivered:

- Approx. 1300 devices have been provisioned during 2021/22.
- Deployed new end point security and vulnerability management tools.
- Implemented a Microsoft 365 backup solution.
- Implemented a citizen portal for Adult Social Care.
- Design of the new RMBC networking infrastructure, including WiFi.
- Deployed Hybrid Meeting Rooms.
- PSN accreditation.

## 2.71 **Regeneration & Environment**

2.72 The Regeneration & Environment capital programme outturn had £23.100m of slippage against the approved budget of £70.937m. The main variances contributing to this position was:

### **Planning, Regeneration & Transport**

- Forge Island Flood Defence, (£1.082m) slippage. The overall costs were increased due in the main to inflation on required materials (steel), these increases lead to a requirement for an additional funding package, that has

delayed progress. An increased funding package is now in place and the project has been re-profiled and will be completed by August 2022.

- Riverside Precinct & Chantry Building Demolition, £0.424m slippage. There have been delays securing a contractor to remove the pedestrian bridge with works due to commence in first quarter 2022/23. Preparations for the bridge removal are underway and will complete Q2 2022/23.
- Grimm and Co, £0.773m slippage. There have been delays in finalising the funding agreement which has pushed the works into 2022/23. Funding agreement signed and initial phase of construction works underway.
- Century Phase II - £0.728m slippage. The Council had to revise the scope and nature of the project to bring it more into line with the office space requirement in the borough, larger space workshops, rather than traditional office space for example. The revisions to the scope meant that the scheme could not commence until late in 2021/22. The project is due to complete during 2022.
- 9-13 High Street (Primark), £0.421m slippage. This scheme has been delayed due to cost pressures and the need to finalise designs. Final design amendments are in the process of being concluded ahead of tendering.
- West Bawtry Road Embankment, £0.350m slippage. The scheme commencement has slipped, with the completion date expected by November 2022.
- Parkway Widening, £7.638m slippage. The project is well into the delivery phase, however, some challenges with site access and allowing all partner agencies to develop at the same time generate a delay, the project is now expected completion of October 2022.
- Greasbrough Village Centre Traffic signals, (£0.463m) slippage. The project has slipped due to funding pressures which needed to be resolved. The project now has a forecast completion date of first quarter 2023.

### **Culture, Sport & Tourism**

- Leisure PFI, £0.946m slippage. The budgets are very difficult to establish, whilst the Council and the PFI contractor are working to a PFI Lifecycle costs plan, the work that is carried out is based on need and so the Council has to review at the end of each financial year whether the works incurred are capital or revenue. Any variances are reflected in the carried forward position over the life cycle of the assets.

### **Community Safety & Streetscene**

- RRFAS 2A Ickles Lock (ERDF), £3.245m slippage. The project costs have increased, which has resulted in a revised funding package being put together, plus ongoing discussions with other stakeholders which has

resulted in a significant re-profile of planned expenditure with the works now expected to be completed by June 2023.

- Pothole Funding, (£2.041m) slippage. The underspend will be carried forward into 2022/23, Government provides the Pothole allocations as an additional funding allocation, significantly after the Council has set its Capital Programme and crucially, after it has designed out its delivery programme. These grant allocations are announced by Government around October each year making delivery in the same year challenging, in particular alongside the impacts of the pandemic. As such it makes building a delivery programme more challenging, though Government have confirmed the funding can be carried forward to be utilised during 2022/23.
- Street Scene Equipment / Vehicles, £0.306m underspend. The budget was to enable the service to purchase new vehicles to transport the Council's mowers. However, an alternative solution was identified that saw the service overcome this issue by replacing all tyres on the mowers to make them road worthy.
- CCTV Enhancement and Upgrade, £0.361m slippage. The project has been delayed due to a number of issues with regard to updating the operating systems. These hardware and software solutions have now been resolved and the contractors are in place with an anticipated completion date of August 2022.

As part of the outturn position the following key outputs have been delivered:

- Progress to either relocate or refurbish/co-locate locality libraries continued throughout the year. The following projects are now complete:
  - Upgrade to public I.T. provision is complete which includes new public access PCs across all libraries, digital screens and the upgrade of library self-service units.
  - Introduction of toilet and café facilities where possible, plus a refresh of furniture and décor to eight neighbourhood libraries
  - Improved signage to all neighbourhood libraries (except for Thurstoft due to relocation).
  - The transfer of Thurstoft Library to the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall site progressed with plans for the project being completed and planning permission and building regulations granted.
- Completed delivery of the second year of the £24m to 2024 Road Programme and the final year of the Highways Capital Maintenance funding through LTP with a total investment of over £11m in the improvement in the condition of the highway network.
- The delivery of the Canal Barrier at Forge Island will be completed in July 2022 and Flood Alleviation project at Ickles lock has started with a planned completion in March 2023.
- The delivery of the feasibility works to take the 6 priority flood alleviation schemes to "shovel ready" by 2024 continues to be on target.

- Service completed the installation of 28 new 'pay and display' parking machines for the town centre. All machines in the town centre now have facilities for cash or card payments.
- Service delivered the planned car park refurbishments at Wellgate, Drummond Street, Clifton Hall and Wellgate North.
- Service have replaced 110 of the 120 obsolete street lighting columns identified and the remainder will be completed in the quarter 1, 2022/23.
- Service have completed the delivery of the replacement of 1.5 Km of non-conforming Vehicle Retention System (Crash barriers).

## 2.73 **Transformation Programme (Capitalisation Direction)**

2.74 The expenditure that the Council can capitalise under this direction is limited to the level of new-year Capital Receipts. A budget estimate of £2.000m of receipts is included in the Capital Programme to fund revenue expenditure that meets the criteria of being transformational spend. The Council's policy allows the use of new-year capital receipts to fund transformational costs that would otherwise be held within revenue expenditure accounts, releasing pressure on the revenue budget. Although capital receipts were generated in this financial year they were utilised to fund the expenditure on short life asset's in order to reduce borrowing costs which is a more favourable overall outcome for the Council. The cost of transformational spend was minimal and kept within revenue as a result.

## 2.75 **Housing Revenue Account (HRA)**

2.76 The HRA capital programme outturn was a £8.070m underspend / slippage against the approved budget of £52.176m. The main variance contributing to this position was:

- Refurbishments, £1.371m underspend – External £1.19m + £0.4m on internals. There has been a slow start to the year and with new ways of Covid safe working, it was not possible to complete 5 schemes within the year. As a result a carry forward request has been made for £1.190m on externals and £0.400m on internals to allow the works to be completed in the first quarter 2022/23.
- Replacement boilers, £0.326m overspend - The programme of Replacement Boilers had a budget of £1.3m and an actual out turn position of £1.626m. The project is a programme of replacements for boilers and ad-hoc replacements. Due to high level of ad-hoc (demand driven) boiler replacements, the scheme out turned in an overspend position, however, this was covered off by underspends in the wider HRA programme.
- Major Voids, £0.671m overspend. The programme of Voids had a budget of £2.5m and an actual out turn position of £3.2m, the responsive nature of the service lead to an increase in volume and increase in that works required in properties.
- Strategic Acquisitions, £0.708m slippage. The budgets within this programme line are a mixture of approved schemes and growth budgets where schemes

are in the development stages. A number of the planned acquisitions didn't come forward as early as anticipated.

- The programme for Town Centre Development (Housing) – (£3.041m) slippage This scheme is to deliver 171 housing units over 3 Town Centre sites of which 20 have been completed. The scheme is on site on all three sites and progressing well. The slippage in year budget is largely due to a variety of utility issues across all three sites. The project will be re-profiled to reflect a completion of November 2022.
- The scheme for MMC bungalows, £1.952m underspend. The project did not commence for a variety of reasons, including issues with the site. The scheme is to be incorporated into a wider scheme within the HRA growth programme that is currently in early stages of development. Therefore, a roll forward of the budget into 2022/23 has been actioned.
- SOAHP Bungalows 2 sites, £0.060m slippage. This scheme was substantially complete with some issues with statutory services and highways work, which will be completed in the first quarter in 2022/23.

As part of the outturn position the following key outputs have been delivered:

- The Housing investment delivered £10.417m of investment in the Council's existing housing stock during 2021/22. The programme is split into multiple schemes for example, investing in external elements including roof renewals, fascias and soffits along with internal upgrades to boilers, improving the communal areas within blocks of flats, improving major elements in properties when they become void, increasing the energy efficiency of homes, and upgrading the fire doors to flats.
- 41 units delivered for social housing, comprising of 14 bungalow units, 8 at Treeton and 6 at Ravensfield. A further 18 units at Rothwell Grange (Broom Hayes) and 9 new purchased units under the strategic acquisitions programme, 3 units at Thorpe Hesley, and 6 at West Melton.
- 436 Major Adaptations completed (Fair Access)

External Improvements	648
Upgrading fire doors	742
Installation of full sprinkler systems	0
Communal Area improvement works	0
Renewal of walkways to flats	42
Structural Works	38
Upgrade of Neighbourhood Centres	14
Improve the energy efficiency of	229
Major works in void properties	205
Boiler upgrades	984
Environmental improvements (paths, fencing, parking etc)	16
	Schemes completed

2.77 **Funding of the Capital Programme 2021/22**

2.78 The £104.938m of capital expenditure was funded as shown in the table below:

**Table 5 Funding of the Capital Programme 2021/22**

<b>Funding Stream</b>	<b>Outturn £m</b>
Grants and Contributions	43.448
Unsupported Borrowing	14.623
Capital Receipts	2.579
Revenue Contributions	0.183
<b>Total Funding - General Fund</b>	<b>60.832</b>
Grants and Contributions	4.978
Housing Major Repairs Allowance	25.264
Useable Capital Receipts	7.519
Revenue Contributions	6.346
<b>Total Funding - HRA</b>	<b>44.106</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>104.938</b>

2.79 **Capital Receipts Outturn 2021/22**

2.80 The Council is continuing to undertake a comprehensive review of its assets and buildings portfolio with the aim of rationalising both its operational and non-operational asset holdings. This may contribute future capital receipts which are earmarked to support the revenue budget, using the capital receipts flexibilities in place until 2024/25 to fund expenditure relating to transforming Council services to generate future revenue efficiency savings.

2.81 In 2021/22 General Fund Capital receipts of £0.941m were generated as shown in the table below. Although, £0.050m of this was for loan repayments, these cannot be used to support the revenue budget as only those receipts by the disposal of property, plant and equipment can be used under the new capital receipts flexibilities introduced from the 1st April 2016.

**Table 6 – General Fund Capital Receipts Received in 2021/22**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Total as at 31st March 2022 £m</b>
11 Russell House	- 0.077
Copeland Lodge	- 0.401
58 Quarry Hill Road	- 0.261
Eddisons Lot 30	- 0.014



Dunford Depot	-	0.124
Miscellaneous	-	0.014
<b>Total Capital Receipts (Excluding loan repayments)</b>	-	<b>0.891</b>
Repayment of Loans	-	0.050
<b>Total Capital Receipts</b>	-	<b>0.941</b>

2.82 Although capital receipts were generated in this financial year they were utilised to fund the expenditure on short life asset's in order to reduce borrowing costs which is a more favourable overall outcome for the Council. The cost of transformational spend was minimal and kept within revenue as result.

### 2.83 Updated Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2025/26

2.84 The Capital Programme 2022/23 has been reset at £285.283m split between the General Fund £211.221m and HRA £74.062m. These programmes are higher than previous programmes due in the main to the following;

- Significantly increased government and external funding to support Town Centre redevelopment and Infrastructure programmes. Such as the Town Centre Fund, Future High Streets Fund and Transforming Cities Fund. Whilst this is positive, these resources are heavily time restricted and present a significant challenge for the Council to deliver.
- Slippage into the 2022/23 financial year from 2021/22 due to delays caused in part to the pandemic, inflation impacts and challenges from demand on suppliers in the sector, adding greater pressure on delivery to 2022/23.
- The Housing Growth Programme within the HRA programme, presents the ambition of the Council to expand and improve housing supply but also represents a sizeable challenge for delivery.

The 2022/23 programme has increased overall by £40.509m from the position reported to Cabinet in February 2022. The movement is based on the latest profiles of expenditure against schemes, following the 2021/22 outturn position, factoring in slippage from 2021/22 of £36.930m and new grant funding of £3.579m. The total slippage from 2021/22 was £38.983m, £36.930m moving into 2022/23 and a further £2.053m re-profiled across 2023/24 to 2025/26.

### 2.85 Table 8: Updated Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2025/26

Directorate	2022/23 Budget £m	2023/24 Budget £m	2024/25 Budget £m	2025/26 Budget £m	Total Budget £m
<b>General Fund Capital</b>					
Children and Young People's Services	15.797	6.346	4.560	6.468	33.171
Regeneration and Environment	172.140	34.324	9.052	7.062	222.579

Adult Care & Housing	7.659	6.385	14.117	4.273	32.435
Assistant Chief Executive	0.496	0.210	0.210	0.210	1.126
Finance and Customer Services	14.129	14.893	7.090	2.990	39.102
Capitalisation Direction	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	4.000
<b>Total General Fund Capital</b>	<b>211.221</b>	<b>63.159</b>	<b>36.030</b>	<b>22.004</b>	<b>332.413</b>
<b>Total HRA Capital</b>	74.062	45.834	28.575	28.575	<b>177.046</b>
<b>Total RMBC Capital Programme</b>	<b>285.283</b>	<b>108.993</b>	<b>64.605</b>	<b>50.578</b>	<b>509.459</b>

In light of the challenges that Covid-19, inflation and supplier demand has brought about the Council will need to carry out a detailed review of the current capital programme, to assess the deliverability of projects to planned budgets and timescales. It is too early at this point to accurately carry out this piece of work as such the review will need to take place in the autumn when a greater level of clarity is available about the impact on the capital programme.

## 2.86 Forecast funding position of Capital Programme 2022/23

The £285.283m of capital expenditure is funded as shown in the table below;

**Table 9: Funding of the approved Capital Programme**

<b>Funding Stream</b>	<b>2022/23 Budget £m</b>
Grants and Contributions	129.031
Unsupported Borrowing	79.136
Capital Receipts	1.878
Capital Receipts - Flexible Use & HRA Contribution	1.000
HRA Contribution	0.176
<b>Total Funding - General Fund</b>	<b>211.221</b>
Grants and Contributions	3.925
Unsupported Borrowing	15.746
Housing Major Repairs Allowance	42.867
Capital Receipts	8.798
Revenue Contribution	2.726
<b>Total Funding - HRA</b>	<b>74.062</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>285.283</b>
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### 3. **Options considered and recommended proposal**

3.1 This detail is set out in Section 2 above.

### 4. **Consultation on proposal**

4.1 None identified

### 5. **Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

5.1 The Strategic Director - Finance and Customer Services is responsible for implementing any actions arising from the supported recommendations in this report. These should be actioned at the earliest opportunity to aid the monitoring of the 2021/22 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme.

### 6. **Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

6.1 As set out in the sections above.

6.2 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the report.

### 7. **Legal Advice and Implications**

7.1 None identified

### 8. **Human Resources Advice and Implications**

8.1 None identified

### 9. **Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

9.1 None identified

### 10. **Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

10.1 This is a finance update report, providing a review of the Council's outturn position for 2021/22. Any equalities and human rights impacts from service delivery have been or are detailed as service budgets, capital projects are pulled together for inclusion within the Council's revenue budget or capital programme.

### 11. **Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change**

11.1 No direct implications.

### 12. **Implications for Partners**

12.1 None identified

### 13. **Risks and Mitigation**

- 13.1 There are increasing cost pressures associated with the rising demand for social care services. The Council will continue to closely monitor its financial position throughout the year and if required management will implement appropriate mitigations.
- 13.2 There is funding uncertainty for the local government sector beyond 2022/23 as the Local Government financial settlement was only a one year allocation. The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy will be revised and updated later in the year to reflect the estimated outcomes of economic pressures that are impacting the Council's costs such as inflation and energy prices along with revised resources as greater clarity is provided by Government.

### 14. **Accountable Officers**

Judith Badger, Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services

Rob Mahon, Assistant Director – Financial Services

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers:-

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	27/06/22
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	23/06/22
Assistant Director, Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phil Horsfield	23/06/22

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## **Capital Programme General Fund**

### **2022/23 to 2025/26**

Directorate	Current Year	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total Project
	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £
<a href="#">Adult Care &amp; Housing</a>	7,659,211	6,385,386	14,117,386	4,273,000	32,434,983
<a href="#">Assistant Chief Executive</a>	495,736	210,040	210,040	210,040	1,125,856
<a href="#">Children &amp; Young Peoples Serv</a>	15,796,781	6,346,210	4,560,000	6,468,169	33,171,160
<a href="#">Finance &amp; Customer Services</a>	15,129,304	15,893,000	8,090,000	3,990,000	43,102,304
<a href="#">Regeneration &amp; Environment</a>	172,140,027	34,323,916	9,052,498	7,062,292	222,578,733
<b>Total</b>	<b>211,221,059</b>	<b>63,158,552</b>	<b>36,029,924</b>	<b>22,003,501</b>	<b>332,413,036</b>

### **Funding:**

Funding Stream	Current Year	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total Project
	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £
Earmarked Reserves	132,130	0	0	0	132,130
Grants And Contributions	128,899,142	17,700,135	9,452,184	6,021,303	162,072,764
Prudential Borrowing	79,135,513	43,829,417	24,944,740	14,346,198	162,255,868
Revenue Contribution	1,176,000	1,179,000	1,183,000	1,186,000	4,724,000
Usable Capital Receipts	1,878,274	450,000	450,000	450,000	3,228,274
<b>Total</b>	<b>211,221,059</b>	<b>63,158,552</b>	<b>36,029,924</b>	<b>22,003,501</b>	<b>332,413,036</b>

Directorate	Service		Service Area		Sub Service		Project Code		Project		Current Year	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total Project							
											Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £							
Adult Care & Housing	S35010	Adult Services	S45010	Adult Services	S55070	Adults Grants Unallocated	CUZBUN	Adults Grants Unallocated	0	0	1,844,386	0	1,844,386	0	1,844,386							
						Sub-Service Total		0	0	1,844,386	0	1,844,386										
						S55010	Assistive Technology	CU0700	Assistive Technology Equipment	981,371	680,000	680,000	680,000	3,021,371								
							Sub-Service Total		981,371	680,000	680,000	680,000	3,021,371									
						S55020	REWS Equipment	CU0701	REWS Capital	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	760,000								
					Sub-Service Total		190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	760,000											
					S55060	Specialist Equipment	CU0503	Webroster & associated equipmt	33,684	0	0	0	33,684									
						Sub-Service Total		33,684	0	0	0	33,684										
					Service AreaTotal		1,205,055	870,000	2,714,386	870,000	5,659,441											
					Service Total		1,205,055	870,000	2,714,386	870,000	5,659,441											
		S35020	Neighbourhood Capital Program	S45030	Fair Access to All	S55550	Aids and Adaptations (Private	CNF103	Adapts - OTHERS - Private Majr	630,000	0	0	0	630,000								
							CNF104	Adapts - LOT1 - Private Majr	397,000	0	0	0	397,000									
							CNF105	Adapts - LOT2 - Private Majr	351,500	0	0	0	351,500									
							CNF106	Adapts Extensions PRIVATES	1,260,000	0	0	0	1,260,000									
							CNF204	Adapts - LOT1 - Private Minr	187,500	0	0	0	187,500									
							CNF205	Adapts - LOT2 - Private Minr	233,000	0	0	0	233,000									
							CNFBN	Private Adapts Bud Unall	0	2,197,000	2,197,000	2,197,000	6,591,000									
							Sub-Service Total		3,059,000	2,197,000	2,197,000	2,197,000	9,650,000									
							Service AreaTotal		3,059,000	2,197,000	2,197,000	2,197,000	9,650,000									
							S45040	Neighbourood Regeneration & Re	S55770	Affordable Housing	CPD001	Housing Delivery GF	345,812	0	0	0	345,812					
	Sub-Service Total		345,812	0	0	0				345,812												
	S55780		Extra Care Housing	CPZBUN	LD accommodation	0				2,000,000	8,000,000	0	10,000,000									
			Sub-Service Total		0	2,000,000				8,000,000	0	10,000,000										
	S55750		Monksbridge Demolition	CP0401	Monksbridge, Dinnington	71,800				0	0	0	71,800									
			Sub-Service Total		71,800	0				0	0	71,800										
	Service AreaTotal		417,612	2,000,000	8,000,000	0				10,417,612												
	Service Total		3,476,612	4,197,000	10,197,000	2,197,000				20,067,612												
	S35050		Neighbourhood Improvements - N	S45050	Neighbourhood Improvements Non	S55830				Furnished Homes CPTL	CPA001	Furnished Homes New CPTL	1,134,000	1,134,000	1,134,000	1,134,000	4,536,000					
										CPA002	Furnished Homes Replace CPTL	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000	288,000						
							Sub-Service Total		1,206,000	1,206,000	1,206,000	1,206,000	4,824,000									
		S55850					N'bourhood Grants Unallocated	CPXBUN	NHoods Grants Unallocated	1,771,544	112,386	0	0	1,883,930								
							Sub-Service Total		1,771,544	112,386	0	0	1,883,930									
		Service AreaTotal				2,977,544	1,318,386	1,206,000	1,206,000	6,707,930												
		Service Total				2,977,544	1,318,386	1,206,000	1,206,000	6,707,930												
		Directorate Total											7,659,211	6,385,386	14,117,386	4,273,000	32,434,983					
		Assistant Chief Executive				S36030	Democratic Services	S46030	Democratic Services	S56030	Democratic Services	CP0008	Capt'l Inv't Ward Anst wdssets	21,360	10,680	10,680	10,680	53,400				
												CP0009	Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Dinnington	13,753	10,680	10,680	10,680	45,793				
	CP0010		Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Wales	6,681	7,120							7,120	7,120	28,041								
	CP0013		Capt'l Inv't-Ward - RotherVale	7,120	7,120							7,120	7,120	28,480								
	CP0014		Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Keppel	13,004	10,680							10,680	10,680	45,044								
CP0015	Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Roth West		21,360	10,680	10,680							10,680	53,400									
CP0017	Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Bostn Ctle		21,360	10,680	10,680							10,680	53,400									
CP0018	Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Roth East		19,568	10,680	10,680							10,680	51,608									
CP0019	Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Sitwell		15,355	10,680	10,680							10,680	47,395									
CP0020	Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Hoobser		12,708	10,680	10,680							10,680	44,748									
CP0022	Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Wath		11,440	7,120	7,120							7,120	32,800									
CP0029	Helliaby & Maltbody West		12,023	7,120	7,120							7,120	33,383									
CP0030	Maltbody East		13,074	7,120	7,120							7,120	34,434									
CP0031	Thurcroft & Wickersley South		7,120	7,120	7,120							7,120	28,480									
CP0032	Aughton & Swallownest		9,240	7,120	7,120							7,120	30,600									
CP0033	Aston & Todwick		14,240	7,120	7,120							7,120	35,600									
CP0034	Brinsworth		13,740	7,120	7,120							7,120	35,100									
CP0035	Greasborough		10,240	7,120	7,120							7,120	31,600									
CP0036	Dalton & Thrybergh		14,240	7,120	7,120							7,120	35,600									
CP0037	Wickersley North		17,235	10,680	10,680							10,680	49,275									
CP0038	Bramley & Ravenfield		10,905	7,120	7,120							7,120	32,205									
CP0039	Swinton Rockingham		13,690	7,120	7,120							7,120	35,050									
CP0040	Rawmarsh West		13,607	7,120	7,120							7,120	34,967									
CP0041	Klinhurst & Swinton East		11,936	7,120	7,120							7,120	33,296									
CP0042	Rawmarsh East		13,607	7,120	7,120							7,120	34,967									
CXB101	Badley More Lane Pr Comm Hub		157,130	0	0							0	157,130									
Sub-Service Total			495,736	210,040	210,040							210,040	1,125,856									
Service AreaTotal			495,736	210,040	210,040							210,040	1,125,856									
Service Total			495,736	210,040	210,040							210,040	1,125,856									
Directorate Total												495,736	210,040	210,040	210,040	1,125,856						
Children & Young Peoples Serv	S33000		CYPs - RMBC	S43600	Other CYPs							S53600	Children & Families	CE0900	Adaptations - Foster Care	640,000	640,000	640,000	2,289,458	4,209,458		
														CER002	CYPs RESI PH I Phoenix Place	40,766	0	0	0	40,766		
														CER003	CYPs RESI PH II Middle Lane	43,369	0	0	0	43,369		
														CER006	CYPs RESI PH III - TBC1	418,100	0	0	0	418,100		
														CER007	CYPs RESI PH III - TBC2	418,300	0	0	0	418,300		
						CER008	In House Child's Resi-vehicles	140,000	0	0	0			140,000								
						CERBUN	CYPs Resi Home Unallocated	272,160	0	0	0			272,160								
						Sub-Service Total		1,952,695	0	0	0			1,952,695								
						Service AreaTotal		1,952,695	0	0	0			1,952,695								
						Service Total		1,952,695	0	0	0			1,952,695								

Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project Code	Project	Current Year	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total Project									
						Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £									
				Sub-Service Total		1,972,695	640,000	640,000	2,289,458	5,542,153									
				Service AreaTotal		1,972,695	640,000	640,000	2,289,458	5,542,153									
				S43000	Schools - Capitalised Enh	C0117N	Minor Works Less than £10,000	2,895	0	0	0	2,895							
						C0137N	Todwick Primary - Ceiling etc	62,507	0	0	0	62,507							
						C0152N	Rwawmarsh Rosehill - S Hall ne	1,998	0	0	0	1,998							
						C0153N	Rawmarsh Ryecroft - Curtain wa	26,373	0	0	0	26,373							
						C0158N	St Mary's PRU - Roof Lights	27,565	0	0	0	27,565							
						C0171N	Brinsworth Manor Inf - floors	7,273	0	0	0	7,273							
						C0174N	Swallownest Pri-Exddoor&Cling	4,837	0	0	0	4,837							
						C0177N	Newman Sch NAR-Electrical work	11,092	0	0	0	11,092							
						C0178N	Newman Sch NAR-C'room Refurb	24,360	0	0	0	24,360							
						CEN401	CEN Asbestos removal works	31,090	0	0	0	31,090							
						CENBUN	Capitalised Enhancements Unall	671,358	700,000	500,000	400,000	2,271,358							
						CENF02	CEN FWT Remedials CNTL CPTL	34,592	0	0	0	34,592							
						Sub-Service Total		905,940	700,000	500,000	400,000	2,505,940							
						S53000	Schools - Prims - Major	CE1028	Waverley New Primary School	121,639	0	0	0	121,639					
						Sub-Service Total		121,639	0	0	0	121,639							
				S53200	Schools - Secs - Major	CE5004	Aston Acad replace classrooms	2,278,539	0	0	0	2,278,539							
						CE5007	Maltby Academy-Contrib	194,386	0	0	0	194,386							
						CE5008	Brinsworth Acad- add places	850,000	850,000	0	0	1,700,000							
						CESBUN	Secondary BUDGET UNALLOC	103,491	41,737	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,145,228							
						Sub-Service Total		3,426,416	891,737	1,000,000	1,000,000	6,318,153							
				S53300	Schools - Spcls - Major	CE7012	Brinsworth School SEND	7,101	0	0	0	7,101							
						CE7013	Thomes Rotherham College SEND	218,173	0	0	0	218,173							
						CE7014	Thrybergh SEND	16,933	0	0	0	16,933							
						CE7015	James Montgomery SEND	7,297	0	0	0	7,297							
						CE7016	Kelford SEND	12,014	0	0	0	12,014							
						CE7017	Hilltop SEND	14,657	0	0	0	14,657							
						CE7021	SEND PH III Dinnington Adaptat	213,690	0	0	0	213,690							
						CE7022	SNED Ph III Newman Critical Ma	12,440	0	0	0	12,440							
						CE7023	SNED Ph III Newman Upper Schoo	2,780,686	0	0	0	2,780,686							
						CE7024	SEND Ph III Newman demo works	114,130	0	0	0	114,130							
						CE7BUN	Special BUDGET UNALLOC	3,223,000	3,035,077	0	0	6,258,077							
						Sub-Service Total		6,620,121	3,035,077	0	0	9,655,198							
						S53550	Schools PFI Life Cycle Program	CE5900	Schools PFI Life Cycle Program	2,554,670	929,396	2,270,000	2,270,000	8,024,066					
						Sub-Service Total		2,554,670	929,396	2,270,000	2,270,000	8,024,066							
						Service AreaTotal		13,628,786	5,556,210	3,770,000	3,670,000	26,624,996							
				Service Total		15,601,481	6,196,210	4,410,000	5,959,458	32,167,149									
				S33800	DFC	S43800	DFC - RMBC	S53800	DFC - RMBC all	CEXBUN	DFCG Unallocated	195,300	150,000	150,000	508,711	1,004,011			
												195,300	150,000	150,000	508,711	1,004,011			
												195,300	150,000	150,000	508,711	1,004,011			
												195,300	150,000	150,000	508,711	1,004,011			
				Directorate Total							15,796,781	6,346,210	4,560,000	6,468,169	33,171,160				
	Finance & Customer Services	S32800	F&CS (DUMMY)	S42800	F&CS	S52850	F&CS - REFCUS	CTR805	Transformation Projects	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000					
										5,000,000	5,000,000	0	0	10,000,000					
										6,000,000	6,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	14,000,000					
										6,000,000	6,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	14,000,000					
		Service Total							6,000,000	6,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	14,000,000						
		S32000	ICT	S42100	ICT 2	S52100	ICT 2	CTT208	Fini Systms Upgrds-ICT2	43,118	0	300,000	0	343,118					
										40,000	0	0	0	40,000					
										CTT225	Fee Billing System Upgrade	1,250	0	0	0	1,250			
										CTT286	Iken Upgrade	2,660	0	0	0	2,660			
										CTT287	Planned print leased machines	599,304	0	0	0	599,304			
CTT288										Fleet of MFD printers	82,744	0	0	0	82,744				
CTT291										Social Care IT System - CNTL C	30,000	0	0	0	30,000				
CTT300										Audit Management System	54,000	30,000	0	0	84,000				
CTT301										Legal Services - Ebundles	15,000	0	0	0	15,000				
CTT302										Capita Server Upgrade	868,076	30,000	300,000	0	1,198,076				
Sub-Service Total										868,076	30,000	300,000	0	1,198,076					
S42200										ICT Refresh	S52200	ICT Refresh	CTT109	EDRMS Roll out	85,000	0	0	0	85,000
CTT218										ICT Digital Strategy	1,888,609	800,000	800,000	800,000	4,288,609				
CTT219										Computer Refresh	1,322,312	1,278,000	910,000	910,000	4,420,312				
CTT220										Network Equipment Refresh Proj	2,903,951	0	630,000	630,000	4,163,951				
CTT221										Replacement of server equip	432,039	0	650,000	650,000	1,732,039				
CTT222										Telephony System Replacement	476,839	1,900,000	3,800,000	0	6,176,839				
CTT223										Hybrid Cloud Computing	58,951	1,750,000	0	0	1,808,951				
CTT224										Microsoft 365 Implementation	655,828	4,000,000	0	0	4,655,828				
CTT296										SY superfast broadband	328,189	0	0	0	328,189				
CTT297										Libraries Network	109,510	135,000	0	0	244,510				
Sub-Service Total										8,261,228	9,863,000	6,790,000	2,990,000	27,904,228					
Service AreaTotal										8,261,228	9,863,000	6,790,000	2,990,000	27,904,228					
Service Total										9,129,304	9,893,000	7,090,000	2,990,000	29,102,304					
Directorate Total										15,129,304	15,893,000	8,090,000	3,990,000	43,102,304					
Regeneration & Environment	S34020	Community Safety &Street Scene	S44660	Comm Safety Resilience & EP	S54620	Comm Safety Resilience & EP	CLC022	CCTV Upgrade&EnhanceCapability	610,538	0	0	0	610,538						
									610,538	0	0	0	610,538						

Directorate		Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project Code	Project	Current Year	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total Project									
							Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £									
						Service AreaTotal	610,538	0	0	0	610,538									
						S44620	Network Management	S54470	Drainage	CGF005	Wath Flood Alleviation	14,874	0	0	0	14,874				
										CGF014	Eel Mires Dike FAS	11,044	0	0	0	11,044				
										CGF015	RRFAS 2A Ickles Lock (ERDF)	3,245,697	0	0	0	3,245,697				
										CGF017	Eel Mires Dike FAS	241,350	200,000	0	0	441,350				
										CGF018	Roth Ren. and Kilmhurst FAS	1,217,284	700,000	0	0	1,917,284				
										CGF019	Whiston FAS	325,903	150,000	0	0	475,903				
										CGF020	Catcliffe Pumping Station	402,754	180,000	0	0	582,754				
										CGF021	Parkgate & Rawmarsh FAS	1,339,829	600,000	0	0	1,939,829				
										CGF022	Culverts Renewal Programme	79,485	20,000	0	0	99,485				
										CGFBUN	Unallocated Flood Alleviation	642,630	0	0	0	642,630				
										Sub-Service Total	7,520,850	1,850,000	0	0	9,370,850					
										S54480	Highways Delivery	CGR001	DTT LTP CarriagewayResurfacing	1,726,628	1,726,034	1,726,034	0	5,178,686		
												CGR008	2020-2024 RoadsProgramme £24m	6,486,310	6,000,000	0	0	12,486,310		
												CGR010	Capitalisation Carriageways	548,324	500,000	500,000	500,000	2,048,324		
												CGR011	Multi Hog Works	303,056	300,000	300,000	300,000	1,203,056		
												CGR013	Cap Rights of way	46,090	34,000	34,000	34,000	148,090		
						CGR018	Additional Pothole Funding	785,598	0			0	0	785,598						
						CGR019	Pothole Funding 21/22	1,255,835	0			0	0	1,255,835						
						Sub-Service Total	11,151,841	8,560,034	2,560,034			834,000	23,105,909							
						S54580	Parking Services	CGP002	TownCentreCarParks-Pay&DisMach			29,245	0	0	0	29,245				
								CGY016	Wellgate Cpark Ret. Wall	34,261	0	0	0	34,261						
						Sub-Service Total	63,506	0	0	0	63,506									
						S54460	Street Lighting	COL005	St Lighting LTP 15/16 - 19/20	132,815	119,172	119,172	0	371,159						
								COL007	Capitalisation Lighting	165,030	150,000	150,000	150,000	615,030						
								COL008	Cap benches signs bollards	80,763	75,000	75,000	75,000	305,763						
								COL009	Replace Obsolete Strt Lighting	39,314	40,000	40,000	40,000	159,314						
								COL010	St Ligh Concrete col replace	76,333	0	0	0	76,333						
								CGY018	Safety Barriers Replacement	48,761	0	0	0	48,761						
								Sub-Service Total	543,016	384,172	384,172	265,000	1,576,360							
								Service AreaTotal	19,279,213	10,794,206	2,944,206	1,099,000	34,116,625							
								S44650	Regulation & Enforcement	S54590	Regulation & Enforcement	CN0100	Carhill Landfill Site	45,000	0	0	0	45,000		
												Sub-Service Total	45,000	0	0	0	45,000			
						Service AreaTotal	45,000	0	0	0	45,000									
						S44640	Street Scene Services	S54610	Community Delivery	CLC011	Cap damaged litter bins	16,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	40,000				
										CLC012	Equipment & Bins	20,752	0	0	0	20,752				
										CLC017	Litter Bin Strategic Review	494,094	42,000	0	0	536,094				
										CLC018	Street Scene Equip / Vehicles	305,990	0	0	0	305,990				
										CLC019	Street Scene - Zonal Working	118,000	0	0	0	118,000				
										CLC024	Handheld Equip Grounds Mten	6,892	0	0	0	6,892				
										CLC027	Addit'nal ZonalCleansingVehs	210,000	0	0	0	210,000				
										Sub-Service Total	1,171,728	50,000	8,000	8,000	1,237,728					
										S54600	Corporate Transport	CGY014	Fleet Mgt Vehicle Purchase	8,699,678	100,000	0	0	8,799,678		
												Sub-Service Total	8,699,678	100,000	0	0	8,799,678			
										S54560	Waste Management	CGY004	Bins	255,417	150,775	0	0	406,192		
												CGY017	Route Optimisation - ITS	54,900	11,700	11,700	11,700	90,000		
												CN0106	Hhold Waste Rec Cents-Valves	13,686	0	0	0	13,686		
												Sub-Service Total	324,003	162,475	11,700	11,700	509,878			
								Service AreaTotal	10,195,409	312,475	19,700	19,700	10,547,284							
								Service Total	30,130,160	11,106,681	2,963,906	1,118,700	45,319,447							
								S34010	Culture, Sport & Tourism	S44610	Creative Prog and Engagement	S54180	CST Events	CLE001	Events Equipment - ITS	280	0	0	0	280
														Sub-Service Total	280	0	0	0	280	
												S54440	Green Spaces	CLA001	Allotments	34,405	0	0	0	34,405
														CLC014	Clifton Park Dalben Tower	1,610	0	0	0	1,610
														CLC015	RVCP Automated Parking	2,922	0	0	0	2,922
														CLC016	RVCP Safety Boats	40,198	0	0	0	40,198
														CLC020	GreenSpaces CarParks/Signs	648	0	0	0	648
														CLC021	GreenSpaces CarPark Surfaces	157,819	0	0	0	157,819
														CLC023	Ulley CP - Club House	350,000	0	0	0	350,000
														CLC026	UlleyCP - ParaWalls?Anticlimb	95,000	0	0	0	95,000
						CLD001	Treeton St Helen Church Yard							424,463	0	0	0	424,463		
						CLD002	Closed Church Yards							25,848	0	0	0	25,848		
						CLT001	BoroughWide Tree Planting Prog							292,508	0	0	0	292,508		
						CLU018	Barkers Park Changing Rooms Re							10,062	0	0	0	10,062		
						CLU021	CliftonPark GardenBldg Bar-ITS							25,000	0	0	0	25,000		
						CLU024	Manor Farm Rawsh Play Sec106							19,351	0	0	0	19,351		
						CLU026	Greasborough Rec MUGA							1,587	0	0	0	1,587		
						CLU027	Play Equip Replacement Prog							100,000	0	0	0	100,000		
						CLU028	RM&Casework-Parks & Green Sp							137,796	0	0	0	137,796		
						Sub-Service Total	1,719,217							0	0	0	1,719,217			
						S54130	Heritage Services					CLH004	Keppel's Column Preservation	225,944	0	0	0	225,944		
												CLH005	Waterloo Kiln Preservation	32,770	0	0	0	32,770		
						Sub-Service Total	258,714					0	0	0	258,714					
						S54140	Theatre					CLK004	CivicTheatre- AnnexStudioSpace	262,000	0	0	0	262,000		
												Sub-Service Total	262,000	0	0	0	262,000			



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						Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £			
					Service AreaTotal	2,240,211	0	0	0	2,240,211			
			S44300	Ops and Business Transformatio	S54110	Libraries	CLL001	Brinsworth Library	3,772	0	0	3,772	
						CLL002	Strat Review of Libraries	2,980,000	0	0	0	2,980,000	
						CLL009	Lib&NeighHub-Greasbrough Lib	5,506	0	0	0	5,506	
						CLL010	Lib&NeighHub-Dinnington Lib	3,856	0	0	0	3,856	
						CLL011	Lib&NeighHub-Kimberworth Lib	3,202	0	0	0	3,202	
						CLL012	Lib&NeighHub-W/ikersey Lib	2,541	0	0	0	2,541	
						CLL013	Lib&NeighHub-Mowbray Lib	429	0	0	0	429	
						CLL014	Lib&NeighHub-Wath Lib&NeighHub	62,576	0	0	0	62,576	
						CLL015	Lib&NeighHub-Kiveton Park Lib	16,774	0	0	0	16,774	
						CLL016	Lib&NeighHub-Swinton Lib	29,000	0	0	0	29,000	
						CLL017	Lib&NeighHub-Thurcroft Lib	226,821	0	0	0	226,821	
						CLL018	Lib&NeighHub-ThorpeHesley Lib	105,334	0	0	0	105,334	
						CLL020	Lib&NeighHub-Brinsworth Open	17,460	0	0	0	17,460	
						CLL021	Lib&NeighHub- Signage	15,015	0	0	0	15,015	
						Sub-Service Total	3,472,286	0	0	0	3,472,286		
						Service AreaTotal	3,472,286	0	0	0	3,472,286		
			S44320	Projects and Partnerships	S54210	Leisure and Sport	CL5004	Leisure PFI lifecycle	559,621	500,000	500,000	500,000	2,059,621
						CL5005	Herringthorpe AthleticsStadium	216,132	0	0	0	216,132	
						CL5006	MiddlewoodRoversFC Section 106	16,000	0	0	0	16,000	
						Sub-Service Total	791,753	500,000	500,000	500,000	2,291,753		
						Service AreaTotal	791,753	500,000	500,000	500,000	2,291,753		
						Service Total	6,504,250	500,000	500,000	500,000	8,004,250		
	S34000	Planning, Regen & Transport	S44010	Corp Property Unit	S54000	Corporate Property Cap Proj	CGF007	Holmes Tail Gotl Pumping Stn	920,071	0	0	0	920,071
						CSB001	LA Energy Saving Measures-(A)	82,044	0	0	0	82,044	
						CSB002	Customer Digitalisation - AM	98,605	0	0	0	98,605	
						CSB003	PittHouseWest RothVal-Drainage	34,760	0	0	0	34,760	
						CSB004	REACH Relocation	2,100,000	0	0	0	2,100,000	
						CSB005	Renewable Energy Proof of Conc	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	
						CSB006	Energy Saving Measure (B)	201,941	0	0	0	201,941	
						CSB007	PSDS BEMS Grant Phase 1	16,741	0	0	0	16,741	
						CSB008	Building Decarbonisation	1,500,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,700,000	6,400,000	
						CSB009	ElecVeh ChargingInfraExpansion	173,000	154,000	158,000	163,000	648,000	
						CSR003	Bailey House Condition+	59,028	0	0	0	59,028	
						CSR041	Vic Park-Drainage	50,000	0	0	0	50,000	
						CSR059	Bailey Hse Extnl Works &Lights	119,619	0	0	0	119,619	
						CSR061	Miscellaneous Minor Works	70,199	0	0	0	70,199	
						CSR064	Grafton/Cranworth Contact Cent	1,864	0	0	0	1,864	
						CSR066	Oaks Lane Depot Refurb	2,650	0	0	0	2,650	
						CSR069	Cranworth Hse Structural Works	49,311	0	0	0	49,311	
						CSR072	Liberty House Refurb	10,519	0	0	0	10,519	
						CSR074	Dinnington Youth Club	26,518	0	0	0	26,518	
						CSR077	CivicTheatre Emerg Lighting	6,263	0	0	0	6,263	
						CSR081	Civic Theatre - Fire Stopping	11,674	0	0	0	11,674	
						CSR082	Civic Theatre - Fire Alarm	1,765	0	0	0	1,765	
						CSR087	Rawmarsh JSC - Re-roof Section	4,338	0	0	0	4,338	
						CSR088	Waleswood - path to RVCP	86,436	0	0	0	86,436	
						CSR089	CliffParkMus-RecepDesk&CaféFurn	3,385	0	0	0	3,385	
						CSR090	Addison Day Centre - Fire Alar	22,300	0	0	0	22,300	
						CSR091	Signage	29,488	0	0	0	29,488	
						CSR092	Hope Fields at TCP	10,119	0	0	0	10,119	
						CSR093	Kim The Place - Windows	33,219	0	0	0	33,219	
						CSR094	StHelensTreetonChurchyard-Path	34,000	0	0	0	34,000	
						CSR095	StHelensChurchWath - Pavements	28,000	0	0	0	28,000	
						CSR096	Swinton Comm Centre - Roofing	25,000	0	0	0	25,000	
						CSR098	RVCP - CCTV Cameras	24,428	0	0	0	24,428	
						CSR100	StLeonardChurch Din-Bound Wall	24,373	0	0	0	24,373	
						CSR101	CliftonParkMuseum-FireAlarm	80,000	0	0	0	80,000	
						CSR102	CliftonParkMuseum-BuildW ork	30,000	0	0	0	30,000	
						CSR103	ChathamVillas1,2,3-W dows/Roof	60,000	0	0	0	60,000	
						CSR105	DialtonYC - CarParkExtension	30,000	0	0	0	30,000	
						CSR106	HthorpePRU-CurtainWall/Roof	86,350	0	0	0	86,350	
						CSR107	RsideHouse Furniture Replacemnt	19,318	0	0	0	19,318	
						CSR108	IT Infrastructure RVC	35,000	0	0	0	35,000	
						CSR109	BarbotHallIndEst-Cliff face	99,550	0	0	0	99,550	
						CSR110	R'sideHouse-Fire Stopping	34,575	0	0	0	34,575	
						CSR111	R'sideHouse- FireExtinguishers	1,173	0	0	0	1,173	
						CSR114	Liberty House-Boilers	983	0	0	0	983	
						CSR115	FurnitureRtment Prog Var Sites	20,142	0	0	0	20,142	
						CSR116	Conway Crescent (Canopy)	31,701	0	0	0	31,701	
						CSR117	Riverside Replacement of UPS	22,760	0	0	0	22,760	
						CSR118	LibertyHouse(StBedes)Bathrooms	13,662	0	0	0	13,662	
						CSR119	Lord Hardy - Kitchenettes	28,564	0	0	0	28,564	
						CSR120	Davies Court - Kitchenettes	39,084	0	0	0	39,084	
						CSR121	Munbro DO - Fire Alarm/Roof	18,027	0	0	0	18,027	

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						Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £					
					CSR122	SpringwellGdns CommCent-Refurb	89,905	0	0	89,905					
					CSR124	VictoriaPark - New DigitalCCTV	4,710	0	0	4,710					
					CSRBUN	Ops Buildings Cap Inv	3,069,032	2,010,000	2,010,000	2,010,000	9,099,032				
					CSY001	Commercial Property Cap	335,637	75,000	75,000	75,000	560,637				
					CSY002	RiversideHseRefurbishmentWorks	400,000	0	0	0	400,000				
					CSY003	Demo of units 86-102 Wellgate	400,000	0	0	0	400,000				
					CSY004	Strategic Acquisitions Fund	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000				
					Sub-Service Total		12,811,831	3,839,000	3,843,000	3,948,000	24,441,831				
					Service AreaTotal		12,811,831	3,839,000	3,843,000	3,948,000	24,441,831				
					S44310	RIDO	S54160	Business Growth	CSE001	MgateBusCent - BMS Renewal	884	0	0	0	884
									CSE002	MgateBusCent-Heat/CoolRenewal	50,396	0	0	0	50,396
									CSE004	Bus Cents-Telephy/BbandRenewal	115,000	0	0	0	115,000
									CSS002	RMBC-Town Ctr Business Vlt	8,541	0	0	0	8,541
									Sub-Service Total		174,821	0	0	0	174,821
							S54150	Inv & Economic Initiatives	CSA012	Town Centre Masterplan Imp	12,408	0	0	0	12,408
									CSA013	Forge Island Flood Defence	1,140,654	0	0	0	1,140,654
									CSA016	HEHub&Rain - Aqu and Demo	231,657	0	0	0	231,657
									CSA017	R'sidePrec1&Chantry Bldg Demo	424,053	0	0	0	424,053
									CSA018	RhamMarkets Redev (incCommHub)	9,453,856	12,641,905	0	0	22,095,761
									CSA020	Grimm and Co	772,500	0	0	0	772,500
									CSABUN	Town Centre Investment	4,279,220	0	0	0	4,279,220
									CSC006	Bassingthorpe Farm	336,493	0	0	0	336,493
									CSC007	Pithouse West Investigations	11,117	0	0	0	11,117
									CSC008	Beighton Link Proj Growth Fund	277,958	0	0	0	277,958
									CSC009	Century Phase II	2,340,335	0	0	0	2,340,335
									CSC010	Bassingthorpe Farm Land Acq	906,868	0	0	0	906,868
									CSP005	Public Realm College Street	4,696	0	0	0	4,696
									CSP006	Public Realm Frederick Street	659,197	0	0	0	659,197
									CSP009	Public Realm Howard Street	474,577	0	0	0	474,577
									CSP010	Public Realm Effingham Street	466,849	1,000,000	0	0	1,466,849
									CSP011	Riverside Gardens	1,332,355	596,232	0	0	1,928,587
									CSP012	Public Realm UpperMillgate Ph3	0	547,506	0	0	547,506
									CSTBUN	Town Deal	31,557,085	0	0	0	31,557,085
									CSUBUN	Unallocated Levelling Up	37,019,691	0	0	0	37,019,691
									Sub-Service Total		91,701,569	14,785,643	0	0	106,487,212
								Service AreaTotal		91,876,390	14,785,643	0	0	106,662,033	
					S44330	Towns & Villages Fund	S54220	Towns & Villages Fund	CSP100	Towns & Villages Fund Unall	1,631,812	2,347,000	0	0	3,978,812
									Sub-Service Total		1,631,812	2,347,000	0	0	3,978,812
								Service AreaTotal		1,631,812	2,347,000	0	0	3,978,812	
					S44630	Transportation & Highways	S54490	Bridges	CGB024	Manvers Way Footbridge	300,000	0	0	0	300,000
									CGBBUN	Bridges unallocated	542,249	275,253	275,253	275,253	1,368,008
									Sub-Service Total		842,249	275,253	275,253	275,253	1,668,008
							S54500	Connectivity	CGCBUN	Unallocated Connectivity	0	172,670	172,670	172,670	518,010
									Sub-Service Total		0	172,670	172,670	172,670	518,010
							S54520	Local Safety Schemes	CGLBUN	Unallocated Local Safety S	836,303	850,000	850,000	850,000	3,386,303
									CGW062	Cont pedxings job3 A633 High S	18,862	0	0	0	18,862
									CGY015	Comm Aspects of Rd Sfty	62,254	0	0	0	62,254
									CGY021	Neighbourhoods Road Safety Mea	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	750,000
									CGY026	P'trian Crossing Cont Funding	120,000	0	0	0	120,000
									Sub-Service Total		1,287,419	1,100,000	1,100,000	850,000	4,337,419
							S54540	LSTF & Smarter Choices	CGSBUN	Unallocated Smarter Choices	32,936	25,000	25,000	25,000	107,936
									Sub-Service Total		32,936	25,000	25,000	25,000	107,936
							S54550	Major Schemes	CGA013	Parkway Widening ph2	22,916,770	0	0	0	22,916,770
									CGA015	College Road NPIF	171,710	0	0	0	171,710
									CGC047	A630 Pool Green Roundabout	45,795	0	0	0	45,795
									CGG001	GreasVillageCentreTrafficSigs	463,567	0	0	0	463,567
									CGQBUN	CAZ BUN	424,723	0	0	0	424,723
									CGS006	Traff Signal renewal Prog	488,622	0	0	0	488,622
									CGY012	Clean Air Zones Elec Chrg Pts	17,156	0	0	0	17,156
									CGY023	CAZ - Bellows Road	2,229,554	0	0	0	2,229,554
									Sub-Service Total		26,757,897	0	0	0	26,757,897
							S54510	Network Management	CGNBUN	Unallocated Network Man	265,083	172,669	172,669	172,669	783,090
									Sub-Service Total		265,083	172,669	172,669	172,669	783,090
								Service AreaTotal		29,185,584	1,745,592	1,745,592	1,495,592	34,172,360	
							Service Total		135,505,617	22,717,235	5,588,592	5,443,592	169,255,036		
							Directorate Total		172,140,027	34,323,916	9,052,498	7,062,292	222,578,733		
General Fund Total									211,221,059	63,158,552	36,029,924	22,003,501	332,413,036		

**Capital Programme HRA**  
**2022/23 to 2025/26**

Directorate	Current Year	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total Project
	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £
<a href="#">HRA</a>	74,062,124	45,834,081	28,574,708	28,574,708	177,045,621
Total	74,062,124	45,834,081	28,574,708	28,574,708	177,045,621

**Funding:**

Funding Stream	Current Year	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total Project
	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £
Grants And Contributions	3,925,067	52,000	0	0	3,977,067
Usable Capital Receipts	8,797,878	1,633,838	0	0	10,431,716
Revenue Contribution	2,725,975	9,977,660	4,714,440	4,714,440	22,132,515
Major Repairs Allowance	42,866,946	21,420,933	23,860,268	23,860,268	112,008,415
Unsupported Borrowing	15,746,258	12,749,650	0	0	28,495,908
Total	74,062,124	45,834,081	28,574,708	28,574,708	177,045,621

Capital Programme HRA

2022/23 to 2025/26

Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project Code	Project	Current Year	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total Project				
						Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £				
HRA	S35020	Neighbourhood Capital Programm	S45030	Fair Access to All	S55560	Aids and Adaptations (Public S	CJF303	Adapts - OTHERS - Public Major	360,000	0	0	360,000		
							CJF304	Adapts - LOT1 - Public Major	791,000	0	0	791,000		
							CJF305	Adapts - LOT2 - Public Major	773,000	0	0	773,000		
							CJF306	Adapts Extensions PUBLICS	319,110	0	0	319,110		
							CJF404	Adapts - LOT1 - Public Minor	125,000	0	0	125,000		
							CJF405	Adapts - LOT2 - Public Minor	143,000	0	0	143,000		
							CJFBUN	Public Adapts Bud Unall	0	2,382,000	2,274,750	2,274,750	6,931,500	
							Sub-Service Total		2,511,110	2,382,000	2,274,750	2,274,750	9,442,610	
							Service Area Total		2,511,110.00	2,382,000.00	2,274,750.00	2,274,750.00	9,442,610.00	
			S45020	Improving Council Housing & Ho	S55200	Asbestos	CJQ101	Asbestos-Testing & Removal	340,000	0	0	0	340,000	
							Sub-Service Total		340,000	0	0	0	340,000	
					S55150	District Heating	CJ0602	District Heating Conversions	950,000	0	0	0	950,000	
							Sub-Service Total		950,000	0	0	0	950,000	
					S55140	Electricals	CJJ301	Electricals	250,000	0	0	0	250,000	
							Sub-Service Total		250,000	0	0	0	250,000	
					S55190	Environmental Programme	CJEBUN	Environmental Bud Unall	700,000	0	0	0	700,000	
							Sub-Service Total		700,000	0	0	0	700,000	
					S55220	General Structures	CJM301	Capital Structural Work	750,000	0	0	0	750,000	
							Sub-Service Total		750,000	0	0	0	750,000	
					S55280	IHMS (IT System)	CJ1003	ICT Hardware & Software	603,869	0	0	0	603,869	
							Sub-Service Total		603,869	0	0	0	603,869	
					S55490	Improving Council Housing	CJZBUN	Improving Council Housing	0	21,566,848	26,299,958	26,299,958	74,166,764	
							Sub-Service Total		0	21,566,848	26,299,958	26,299,958	74,166,764	
					S55120	Major Voids Capital Prog	CJC101	Lot 2 - Major Voids	1,250,000	0	0	0	1,250,000	
								CJC102	Mears - Major Voids	1,750,000	0	0	0	1,750,000
								Sub-Service Total		3,000,000	0	0	0	3,000,000
					S55100	Refurbishments	CJA102	Site Prelims	450,000	0	0	0	450,000	
								CJA128	Wickersley Externals	625,000	0	0	0	625,000
								CJA132	Flandenwell Externals	431,000	0	0	0	431,000
								CJA134	Ravenfield Externals	1,487,000	0	0	0	1,487,000
								CJA135	Sunnyside Externals	685,000	0	0	0	685,000
								CJA136	SwinFitzw Concrete Structworks	1,500,000	0	0	0	1,500,000
								CJA137	Maltby ph 1 externals and EW1	4,974,000	0	0	0	4,974,000
								CJA138	ThurcroftsLaughton Phase1	390,000	0	0	0	390,000
								CJA140	Brinsworth Externals	2,520,000	0	0	0	2,520,000
								CJA141	Mesbrough Walkways	600,000	0	0	0	600,000
								CJA401	Mears - Internals	800,000	0	0	0	800,000
								CJA726	Communals	1,200,000	0	0	0	1,200,000
								CJA801	Design & Appraisal	75,000	0	0	0	75,000
								CJABUN	Refurb Bud Unall	430,366	0	0	0	430,366
								CJB101	Windows/Doors & Fire Doors	250,000	0	0	0	250,000
								CJB102	Fire Doors Replacement	829,247	1,100,000	0	0	1,929,247
								CJR101	Community Centre Improvements	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
								Sub-Service Total		17,296,613	1,100,000	0	0	18,396,613
					S55130	Replacement of Central Heating	CJJ101	Lot 2 - Ad Hoc Boiler Rep'ts	1,300,000	0	0	0	1,300,000	
								CJJ105	Lot 2 -Boilers Scheme 1	2,700,000	0	0	0	2,700,000
								Sub-Service Total		4,000,000	0	0	0	4,000,000
								Service Area Total		27,890,482.00	22,666,848.00	26,299,958.00	26,299,958.00	103,157,246.00
			S45060	New Housing Provision	S55360	MMC	CJP200	MMC Bungalows	1,952,014	0	0	0	1,952,014	
							Sub-Service Total		1,952,014	0	0	0	1,952,014	
					S55380	New Growth New Build	CJP013	Thrybergh Small Sites	587,215	183,000	0	0	770,215	
								CJT003	Peagasus House Extension	93,975	0	0	0	93,975
								Sub-Service Total		681,190	183,000	0	0	864,190
					S55250	Site Clusters	CJP002	Site Cluster Rotherview Road 1	13,500	0	0	0	13,500	
								Sub-Service Total		13,500	0	0	0	13,500
					S55340	SOAHP delivery	CJP010	Braithwell Rd SOAHP Bungalows	40,000	0	0	0	40,000	
								CJP011	Arundel Ave Bungws SOAHP	20,000	0	0	0	20,000
								Sub-Service Total		60,000	0	0	0	60,000
					S55260	Strategic Acquisitions	CJ0126	Wentworth View Strategic Acq	599,433	1,589,260	0	0	2,188,693	
								CJ0127	Beaumont Grange SA	1,561,085	0	0	0	1,561,085
								CJ0128	Fairfield Aston SA	1,166,000	0	0	0	1,166,000
								CJG001	Phase 2 HRA Growth Programme	69,000	0	0	0	69,000
								CJG002	Phase 2 Eastwood	5,088,000	0	0	0	5,088,000
								CJG003	Phase 3 Housing Growth 22.23	2,537,879	0	0	0	2,537,879
								CJG004	Phase 3 Housing Growth 23.24	9,667,000	8,989,000	0	0	18,656,000
								CJH001	Phase 2 Acquisitions	190,102	0	0	0	190,102
								CJH002	Phase 3 Acquisitions	14,398,000	10,010,000	0	0	24,408,000
								CJHBUN	Development budgets unallocate	536,700	0	0	0	536,700
								Sub-Service Total		35,813,199	20,588,260	0	0	56,401,459
					S55350	Town Centre Development	CJP100	Millfold Site	2,351,094	3,515	0	0	2,354,609	
								CJP101	Sheffield Road Site	2,384,646	6,097	0	0	2,390,743
								CJP102	Henleys Site	404,889	4,361	0	0	409,250
								Sub-Service Total		5,140,629	13,973	0	0	5,154,602
								Service Area Total		43,660,532.00	20,785,233.00	0.00	0.00	64,445,765.00
								Directorate Total		74,062,124.00	45,834,081.00	28,574,708.00	28,574,708.00	177,045,621.00
								HRA Total		74,062,124.00	45,834,081.00	28,574,708.00	28,574,708.00	177,045,621.00

## Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A)

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an equality analysis.

<b>Directorate: Finance and Customer Services</b>	<b>Service area: Finance</b>
<b>Lead person: Rob Mahon</b>	<b>Contact number: 01709 254518</b>

### 1. Title:

Is this a:

☐

**Strategy / Policy**

☒

**Service / Function**

☐

**Other**

**If other, please specify**

### 2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

The Council has a framework of budgetary monitoring and reporting that ensures budget management is exercised within annual cash limits.

Each month the Budget Manager receives timely information on income and expenditure to enable them to fulfil their budgetary responsibilities. Following the review of the budget information, each budget manager provides a forecast of their projected outturn position on each service. The Strategic Director subsequently provides a consolidated forecast for their directorate to the Chief Finance Officer and relevant Cabinet Member.

A budget monitoring report, which includes an up-to-date outturn forecast, information about significant variances from approved budgets and proposals for dealing with them, is submitted to Cabinet at least 6 times a year, culminating with the Councils Financial Outturn report.

Whilst the framework described above relates to revenue budgets, the capital programme is also similarly monitored and reported alongside the Council's revenue position.

The financial monitoring position report summarises the key variances for each directorate and considers the key financial pressures and risks.

This report is the final financial report in the financial year, it sets out the Council's full revenue outturn position. The report also covers off any other key items to be noted at the time.

Given that the revenue and capital budgets have been approved by Council in March each year, when equality assessments would have been considered at that time in respect of the budget proposals, there are no further issues in respect of equality and diversity.

### 3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?		x
Could the proposal affect service users?		x
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?		x
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?		x
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		x
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?		x

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6**.

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4**.

#### 4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals prior to carrying out an **Equality Analysis**.

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below and use the prompts for guidance.

- **How have you considered equality and diversity?**

n/a

- **Key findings**

n/a

- **Actions**

n/a

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	n/a
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	n/a
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	n/a

#### 5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
Judith Badger	Strategic Director – Finance and Customer Services	21/6/22

#### 6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to [equality@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:equality@rotherham.gov.uk) For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

Date screening completed	21/6/22
If relates to a Key Delegated Decision, Executive Board, Council or a Significant Operational Decision – report date and date sent for publication	
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement <a href="mailto:equality@rotherham.gov.uk">equality@rotherham.gov.uk</a>	



#### User guidance:

- The first section of this form guides users through considering major areas where emissions are likely to occur. If emissions are impacted in a way not covered by these categories, please identify this at the bottom of the section
- The first section should be filled as such:
  - **Impact:** identify, in relation to each area, whether the decision of the proposal does the following: *reduces emissions*, *increases emissions*, or has *no impact on emissions*. If it is uncertain this section can be labelled *impact unknown*
  - If **no impact on emissions** is identified: no further detail is needed for this area, but can be added if relevant (e.g. if efforts have been made to mitigate emissions in this area.)
  - **Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions:** two sections deal respectively with emissions from the Council (including those of contractors), and emissions across Rotherham as a whole. In both sections please explain any factors that are likely to reduce or increase emissions. If **impact unknown** has been selected, then identify the area of uncertainty and outline known variables that may affect impacts.
  - In most cases there is no need to quantify the emission impact of an area after outlining the factors that may reduce or increase emissions. In some cases, however, this may be desirable if factors can be reduced to a small number of known variables (e.g. if an emission impact is attached to a known or estimated quantity of fuel consumed).
  - **Describe any measures to mitigate emission impact:** regardless of the emission impact, in many cases steps should be taken in order to reduce mitigate all emissions associated with each area as far as possible; these steps can be outlined here (For example: if a proposal is likely to increase emissions but practices or materials have been adopted in order to reduce this overall impact, this would be described here).
  - **Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out:** in this section outline any steps taken to monitor emission levels, or steps taken to monitor the factors that are expected to increase or reduce emission levels (for example, if waste or transport levels are being monitored this would be described here)
- A **summary paragraph** outlining the likely overall impacts of the proposal/decision on emissions should then be completed - this is not required if the proposal/decision has no impact across all areas.
- The supporting information section should be filled as followed:
  - Author/completing officer
  - **Research, data, or information** may refer to datasets, background documents, literature, consultations, or other data-gathering exercise. These should also be added to the **supporting documents** section of the cabinet report

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- Carbon Impact Assessments are to be appended to the associated cabinet reports
  - Prior to publishing reports, Carbon Impact Assessments should be sent to [climate@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:climate@rotherham.gov.uk) for feedback
  - Report authors may also use the above email address to direct any further queries or to access further support regarding completing the assessment

Will the decision/proposal impact...	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across Rotherham as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	<i>no impact on emissions</i>				
Emissions from transport?	<i>no impact on emissions</i>				
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	<i>no impact on emissions</i>				
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	<i>no impact on emissions</i>				
Emissions from construction and/or development?	<i>no impact on emissions</i>				
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	<i>no impact</i>				

Identify any emission impacts associated with this decision that have not been covered by the above fields:
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<p>Please provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:</p> <p>As this report is a financial update on previous events, updates on levels of funding moving forwards and doesn't approve anything directly to happen, it does not have any carbon implications.</p>
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Supporting information:	
Completed by: (Name, title, and service area/directorate).	Rob Mahon, Head of Corporate Finance, Finance and Customer Services.
Please outline any research, data, or information used to complete this [form].	
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	
Tracking [to be completed by Policy Support / Climate Champions]	

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Council – 20 July 2022

**Report Title**

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

As described in section 8.6 of the Constitution of the Council, this report is an annual update presented to Council on activities and outcomes achieved in respect of overview and scrutiny during the 2021/22 municipal year.

**Recommendations**

1. That the report be noted.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22

**Background Papers**

Agendas and minutes of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB), Health Select Commission (HSC), Improving Lives Select Commission (ILSC) and Improving Places Select Commission (IPSC) during the 2021/22 municipal year.

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

None

**Council Approval Required**

Yes

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 This report is submitted in accordance with Section 8.6 of the Constitution, which states, “The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board will report annually to the full Council on the operation of overview and scrutiny select commissions and make recommendations where appropriate for future work programmes and amended working methods.”
- 1.2 The terms of reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and Select Commissions are set out in Appendix 9 of the Constitution – Responsibility for Functions. Details of the specific areas for scrutiny by each Select Commission are also set out in Appendix 9.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 The Appendix to the report displays the range of scrutiny activity and highlights key findings and recommendations. Selected outcomes resulting from work in response to recommendations by scrutiny are also reflected in the report where these have been delivered. Where future outcomes are expected, estimated timescales have been provided.
- 2.2 An explanation of how the scrutiny function works and how this process adds value is also provided in the first two pages of Appendix 1.

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 Presented in condensed form, the style of the 2021/22 Overview and Scrutiny Annual report represents an exercise in selection rather than an exhaustive catalogue of a discursive process involving lines of inquiry, discussions of evidence, and findings leading finally to recommendations. The recommendation is to note the report The preferred option was to generate a reader-friendly version of the year’s accomplishments of scrutiny as a supplement to full agendas and minutes of OSMB and Select Commission meetings throughout the year.
- 3.2 Options were considered in respect of the organisational principle of the report which potentially shapes the profile of scrutiny activity depicted. The option to organise the outcomes by theme was considered and may be implemented in a future annual report to reflect a fully joined up approach to work programming, reducing overlap through efficient allocation of scrutiny attention.
- 3.3 Instead, the report is organised by committee, with acknowledgement of the Council Plan 22-25 themes and objectives relevant to the items considered and recommendations agreed. It is noteworthy that the relevance of each agenda item, review, and recommendation may span multiple Council Plan themes, especially where improvements pertaining to wider determinants of health such as environmental and economic circumstances lead to cascading benefits. Therefore, the report is recommended to be taken as an indicative

rather than definitive account of outcomes which are often multiplied beyond the scope of the report.

#### **4. Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 As this is the report of the OSMB and scrutiny commissions, consultation with Chairs and Vice-Chairs of these committees was undertaken and feedback incorporated in the final report. The first of these consultations was held in person on 17 November 2021, when the Chairs and Vice Chairs agreed the style of the report. Reports to and Minutes of various Committees and Boards of the Council including Cabinet were also consulted during the drafting process in order to compile the outcomes resulting from recommendations.
- 4.2 Where appropriate, specifics were confirmed with relevant lead officers and partners; however, as a principle the report describes outcomes that are already in the public domain. This is because it is not the province of the report to speculate on possible future outcomes, except in terms of the agreed work programmes of OSMB and the Select Commissions.

#### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 This report is submitted to the meeting of Council on 20 July 2022, which is the first Council meeting following the completion of the 2021/22 municipal year, allowing a retrospective on the year in full.

#### **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial or procurement implications directly arising from this report.

#### **7. Legal Advice and Implications**

- 7.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

#### **8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 There are no Human Resources implications directing arising from this report.

#### **9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 9.1 There are no implications for children or young people or vulnerable adults directly arising from the report.

#### **10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

- 10.1 There are no equalities and human rights implications directly arising from this report.

- 10.2 With a view to creating a reader-friendly and inclusive report, images in the appendix to this report are accompanied by literal “Image Descriptions” (ID) designed for compatibility with a screen reader. Image Descriptions offer a summary of essential information depicted in an image and are considered usual user-experience (UX) practice within the dis/ability community. Image Descriptions are implemented in the appendix to this report to reflect the commitment of overview and scrutiny to inclusion. Readers will find additional surrounding text provides further explanation of the images’ context and significance.

## **11. Implications for CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Climate Change**

- 11.1 There are no climate or carbon emissions implications directly arising from this report.

## **12. Implications for Partners**

- 12.1 There are no implications for partner organisations directly arising from this report.

## **13. Risks and Mitigation**

- 13.1 There are no risks arising directly from this report.

### **Accountable Officer(s)**

Emma Hill, Head of Democratic Services and Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Approvals obtained on behalf of:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	12/07/22
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	12/07/22
Assistant Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phillip Horsfield	12/07/22

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# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT

2021/2022

## A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD, CLLR MAGGI CLARK

Scrutiny is an important non-political process carried out by elected members on behalf of the people of Rotherham by challenging performance to raise standards and checking whether services meet peoples need, considering the work of outside bodies, using the Council's Forward Plan to strengthen their ties with decision making and examining the council's Cabinet decisions and holding them to account.

This report presents a summary of the scrutiny work programme undertaken recently by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) and the Select Commissions - Health (HSC), Improving Lives (ILSC) and Improving Places (IPSC). It encompasses the full range of scrutiny work since the previous annual report was published in 2020 including pre-decision scrutiny; focused work on specific issues; standard agenda items considered each year; reviews and reports from independent persons or outside bodies and areas such as service transformation that continue over a longer period.

Although an outline work programme is developed early in each new municipal year, Scrutiny also needs to have sufficient flexibility to consider and respond to other important issues as they arise. This was the case again last year with the inclusion of additional items for all four scrutiny committees.

It is hoped that with the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions and now we are back to face to face meetings, scrutiny commissions will be able to hear directly from service users about their experiences. Hopefully, service user input will be something which can be incorporated more consistently into scrutiny work across the committees.

In pre-decision scrutiny, OSMB considered various major strategies and policies. The Board maintained a close eye on the in-year budget position and service pressures and will continue to do so in these challenging times.

One of the highlights of the year is the opportunity to work with Rotherham Youth Cabinet when they take over an OSMB meeting in the Children's Commissioner Takeover Challenge (CCTOC). This year's theme was climate change, and the young people made many good recommendations, with the response due back in the autumn.

This has been my first year as Chair of OSMB, and for most of the members it has been their first time on the committee. I wish to thank all Scrutiny Members for their hard work and commitment to carrying out meaningful scrutiny in Rotherham. Together we have worked cross party to hold the executive to account, scrutinise key decisions and provide feedback to the cabinet before their decision making.

I would also like to thank our co-opted members who have given their time voluntarily to enhance the scrutiny process.

I feel very confident that the scrutiny function in Rotherham will continue to develop and provide the challenge needed to deliver improvements and positive outcomes.

**Cllr Maggi Clark, Chair of OSMB**



Cllr Maggi Clark, Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Management Board



Cllr Emily Barley, Vice Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Management Board



## FAQ:

### WHAT IS SCRUTINY?

Scrutiny aims to ensure that public services and policies best meet the needs of Rotherham Residents. Scrutiny acts as the check and balance to the Council's Executive decision makers, the Cabinet, by

- ◇ Contributing to policy review and development
- ◇ Holding the Council's Cabinet and partners to account for their decisions and performance
- ◇ Investigating issues that matter to Rotherham residents
- ◇ Working with Council officers and partners to improve services

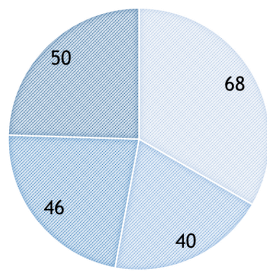
### WHO IS INVOLVED?

Any Councillor who is not a member of the Cabinet can participate in Scrutiny work. Committees also include Co-opted Members and receive dedicated officer support. Cabinet Members, Strategic Directors, and representatives of partner organisations are invited to attend meetings to discuss issues that OSMB or Commission Members have identified as a priority (cont. next page).

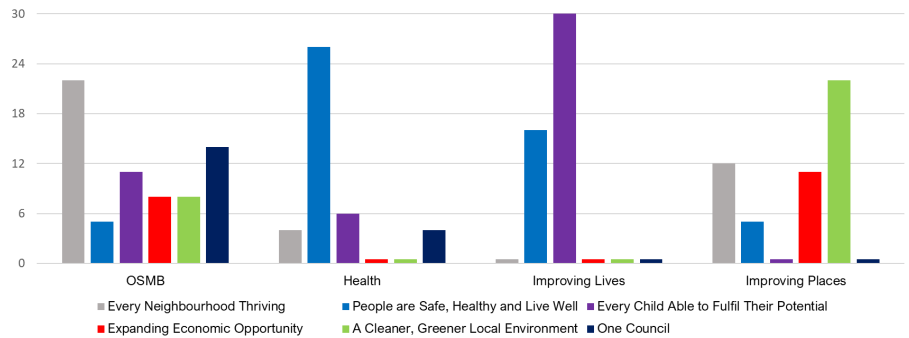
## THE YEAR OF SCRUTINY AT A GLANCE

SUBSTANTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS  
BY COMMITTEE

OSMB Health Improving Lives Improving Places



RECOMMENDATIONS BY COUNCIL PLAN 2022/25 THEME



**26 NEW CABINET DECISIONS  
SCRUTINISED**



**96 HOURS OF PUBLIC DEBATE**



**204 SUBSTANTIVE  
RECOMMENDATIONS**



**103 ISSUES CONSIDERED**



**100 PERCENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS  
IMPLEMENTED BY CABINET**



**11 BUDGET & FINANCE ITEMS  
SCRUTINISED**



**9 IN-DEPTH REVIEWS/SPOTLIGHTS**

## ROTHERHAM YOUTH CABINET TAKEOVER CHALLENGE

Rotherham Youth Cabinet chose the topic of climate change, covering energy efficiency, electric vehicle use, recycling and waste reduction, and biodiversity concerns. In the autumn, the Youth Cabinet will receive a formal response to their recommendations, which seek to amplify the voices of young people in shaping positive outcomes for the future:

- Enhanced action to reduce pollution and single-use plastics
- Strong, inclusive engagement with young people on the climate and environment agenda for

Rotherham, for example through the development of an environmental awards scheme for schools.

- Arrangements for provision of carbon literacy training and a Youth Cabinet visit to the local recycling



Image Description: Youth Cabinet gather in Council Chamber, March 2022

## FAQ: CONTINUED

### WHAT KINDS OF THINGS CAN SCRUTINY LOOK AT?

Councillors and Co-opted Members decide which issues they wish to prioritise, with the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board being responsible for managing the overall Work Programme. Carrying out effective scrutiny takes a lot of time, commitment and effort so it is simply not possible to look at every issue. When choosing issues, Overview and Scrutiny will always consider whether it can make a real difference by looking at an issue, particularly for example where recommendations could result in improved services.

### IS THERE ANYTHING SCRUTINY CAN'T EXAMINE?

Scrutiny cannot consider individual complaints or investigate regulatory or 'quasi-judicial' decisions, such as planning or licensing decisions.

### IS SCRUTINY POLITICAL?

Scrutiny is carried out by councillors from across all political groups. Councillors aim to leave their party politics at the door to look objectively at issues, basing their findings on the evidence they receive.

### CAN I SUGGEST A TOPIC FOR SCRUTINY?

Yes, contact your ward Councillor to suggest a topic.

## OSMB OUTCOMES—TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN IMPLEMENTATION



ID: An angular, double-facing bench composed of wooden slats in a modern style installed in a Town Centre public realm area in front of trees and shrubs.

**PICTURED LEFT** is an example of the bench seating recently installed amid trees and shrubs to provide a welcoming place to take in the public realm near College Street. OSMB Members recommended that more seating be established in the Town Centre and were active in consultations around design and placement of seating.

OSMB recommended trees in the Town Centre be protected, unhealthy trees replaced, and more trees planted where appropriate. All healthy trees have and will be kept and new specimens brought in to replace unhealthy trees. Additional trees and greenery are being added where appropriate, including in the new public spaces to be created: Riverside and Market Gardens. Numbers have yet to be agreed.

## BUDGET AND FINANCIAL SCRUTINY

- OSMB monitored the allocation of COVID-19 business support grants; derivation of staffing budgets and use of agency staff; and regular reports on the Council's budget and financial outturn.
- OSMB recommended that the Council capture learning around how the pandemic has informed new ways of operation and service provision that have informed budget management procedures, especially where changes have highlighted new opportunities where future budget savings could potentially be made.
- OSMB recommended the addition of member seminars to the development programme on the topics of Community Infrastructure Levy Spending Protocol and Towns and Villages Fund. These seminars ensure Members have solid understanding of how to utilise these to support local improvement projects.

## EQUALITIES OUTCOMES

- In respect of the Cycling Strategy, OSMB recommended facilitating provision of safety equipment and taking measures to ensure all families across the Borough have better access to green spaces by cycle, encouraging budding cyclists to start cycling in safety. Future scrutiny will seek assurances that the Strategy is breaking down the barriers that currently discourage many residents from cycling.
- In respect of the Adoption of Heritage at Risk Strategy and Register, the list of local heritage assets recognises a wide range of heritage assets, including those of importance to BAME heritage.
- OSMB identified working with vendors and contractors on equalities as an area for expansion, as the Council looks to utilise further the Social Value Portal for equalities outcomes.
- Equalities training was added to the Member Development forward plan, so that Members can effectively scrutinise and oversee the equalities agenda at the Council, ensuring the best equalities outcomes are obtained for both residents and Council employees.
- OSMB recommended reviewing the complaints procedures of the Council to harness complaints and compliments to drive service improvement. Learning from the Housing Services complaints improvements is being implemented across the Council where appropriate.



## HEALTH SELECT COMMISSION

Health Select Commission scrutinises issues relating to the Rotherham health and public health agenda including

- Health services commissioned for the people of Rotherham
- Partnerships and integration of health and social care services and budgets
- Measures for addressing health inequalities and promoting wellbeing for Rotherham's adults and children
- Food standards and environmental health.

The Commission also examines issues referred by Healthwatch Rotherham and participates in regional scrutiny carried out by the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Commission for South Yorkshire, Nottingham, and the Humber (JHOSC).

**Chair: Cllr Taiba Yasseen**



**Vice-Chair: Cllr Tim Baum-Dixon**



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## QUALITY ACCOUNTS 2021/22

Paused by the Government during the pandemic, annual reports on service quality from key health partners resumed in spring 2022. Here's some of what HSC asked key partners to improve in 22/23:

<b>ROTHERHAM DONCASTER AND SOUTH YORKSHIRE NHS FOUNDA- TION TRUST (RDASH)</b>	<p>Members need to see the Trust follow through on engagement and improvement plans within target timescales and, most importantly, demonstrate how each action raises quality of care for Rotherham residents.</p> <p>Future Quality Accounts should include results of the Friends and Family Test (FFT) which is described as the best quality indicator. Members need to see a full, transparent breakdown and analysis of the results and how insight from the FFT is being turned into action to drive improvement.</p> <p>Members need to see leadership set a positive example in future by engaging in public scrutiny so that the voices of patients and stakeholders and their elected representatives can inform progress.</p>
<b>THE ROTHER- HAM NHS FOUNDATION TRUST (TRFT)</b>	<p>Foremost priority is ensuring patient safety by improving leadership and shop-floor practice in the Emergency Department. Keep working on ambulance handovers to ensure patients are seen as quickly as possible and sent to the right place in the first instance.</p> <p>Members are eager to see how the new sepsis quality improvement group will revise pathways for non-elective and elective patients.</p> <p>Improving life expectancy in Rotherham will require more emphasis on preventative work in the community.</p>
<b>YORKSHIRE AMBULANCE SERVICE (YAS)</b>	<p>Response times remain the single priority for residents. YAS needs a robust plan to rectify the failure to achieve national targets in any category.</p> <p>More accessible training for new or prospective ambulance workers, whilst looking after wellbeing of current staff are priorities for retention of staff and safer services overall.</p> <p>Future Quality Accounts should include sub-regional breakdowns of performance information to show how well services are being delivered to Rotherham residents.</p>

## HEALTH SCRUTINY PRIORITIES 2021/22

Health Select Commission agreed three main priorities for Health Scrutiny in 2021/22. Some topics and associated outcomes intersect all three priorities as indicated below.

MENTAL HEALTH	ACCESS TO SERVICES	HEALTH INEQUALITIES
<p>Mental health for children and adults remained top priority based on the known continued impacts of the pandemic on wellbeing.</p>	<p>This priority was chosen in order to ensure health services are fully accessible to all Rotherham residents at the point of need.</p>	<p>The pandemic has widened health inequalities, requiring urgent consideration of wider determinants of health and focus on vulnerable communities.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutinised RDaSH's delivery of crisis services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, and pathways into mental health care.</li> <li>• Scrutinised Suicide Prevention, resulting in councillor training and further small grants work in the community.</li> <li>• Reviewed impact of befriending services offered through the Rotherham Community Hub during the pandemic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prompted by Healthwatch Rotherham, conducted a review of Access to Primary Care, which identified a need to communicate realistic wait times and promote understanding of patients' care options.</li> <li>• Monitored the evolving situation around the Health and Care Act 2022 and what it means for Rotherham.</li> <li>• Referred an issue around bus connectivity to the hospitals from remote areas of the Borough to the Transportation Advisory Group for discussion with relevant bus service partners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutinised Maternity Services, recommending more inclusive consultations with hard to reach communities where new mums are statistically most at risk.</li> <li>• Scrutinised the improvement work of TRFT in respect of inclusion and diversity.</li> <li>• Scrutinised wider determinants of Health reflected in the refresh of the JSNA/Rotherham Data Hub.</li> <li>• Provided feedback on the Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report, Director of Public Health Annual Report, and the Place's approach to winter surge planning and discharge planning.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed support for young carers, resulting in Key Performance Indicators being drafted for the service 22/23 in collaboration with Barnardo's, development of a system-wide plan to respond to the identified data gap around young carers who continue to have caring responsibilities into adulthood, and improved access to education, skills and training.</li> <li>• Scrutinised early phase of a prevention-led strategy around physical activity, aiding in development of an inclusive strategy to help Rotherham residents have equal access to the benefits of physical activity leading to longer healthy life expectancy in Rotherham.</li> <li>• Scrutinised Rotherham's Autism Strategy and Pathway, recommending that lead officers undertake discussions with relevant partners to lay the groundwork for enhanced local support for annual medical checks in anticipation of forthcoming government guidance. This is needed because the NHS has promised the health checks in its long term plan, but has offered no timeline. Toward a more person-centred Strategy, further work taking into account diversity within the identities and experiences of autistic people was recommended.</li> <li>• Oversaw delivery of COVID-19 vaccination programme whereby 85% of residents took up at least one dose of the vaccine.</li> </ul>		

## IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION

The aim of Improving Lives Select Commission (ILSC) is to ensure that services delivered across the Borough support both children and adults to achieve the best possible outcomes in their lives.

CHAIR:  
CLLR LYNDSEY  
PITCHLEY

VICE-CHAIR:  
CLLR WENDY  
COOKSEY



### ILSC PRIORITIES 2021/22

- SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
- SAFEGUARDING ADULTS
- EDUCATION RECOVERY

## REVIEW OF POST CSE SUPPORT

**PURPOSE:** to gain assurances on the services in place in Rotherham to support survivors of CSE.

**APPROACH:** Councillors met with senior officers, as well as the providers of the commissioned services in Rotherham. This enabled Councillors to establish a sound understanding of the services that were being delivered in Rotherham to support survivors of CSE. Members conducted desktop research and held a series of online meetings with officers and Cabinet Members at other local authorities to learn how they supported survivors of CSE.

**FINDINGS:** Members made 8 recommendations. Here is a summary of the outcomes:

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| 1. Post CSE services relocating under the direction of Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health within the Council, to coordinate support pathways for adults who were victims of trauma as children. | 3. Councillors having opportunities to steer activity taking place within the Borough to stop CSE/CCSE and to support survivors. | 6. Delivering annual training to ensure elected members are up to date with the activity within the Borough to protect young people from being at risk of harm from CSE/CCE and to support adult survivors to move forward in their lives. |
| 2. Working with partners and survivors to improve how survivors' voices inform future reviews of post abuse services (i.e., by developing voice and influence groups or other survivors' forums).         | 4. Improving Lives Select Commission continuing to scrutinise provision of post abuse support to survivors of CSE.               | 7. Strategic Directors exploring options for sharing best practice with other local authorities in Region.   |
|   | 5. Considering how survivors' voices can inform the work described in recommendations 3 and 4 above.                             | 8. Using positive and inclusive language in Post CSE support.  |

## SPOTLIGHT WITH IPSC: ROTHERHAM'S CULTURAL STRATEGY

Members sought assurances that, following the pandemic, as many families have less extra income, all Rotherham residents—especially young people—had access to cultural activities and events, and that young people had fun things to do and safe places to go. 4 areas for action were recommended:

- Working with partners to offer more activities tailored for young people
- Expanding access to safe recreational swimming
- Prioritising access to leisure and culture as respite for young carers
- Hosting events at a variety of venues across the Borough with clear signage

## Improving Lives Select Commission: Key Outcomes 2021/22

TOPIC	KEY FINDINGS	OUTCOMES ACHIEVED
Pause Project Progress Report	Scrutinised targeted work with women at risk of repeat removals of children from their care, supporting them to make positive choices, helping them improve their relationships with their children and prevent further children being taken into care.	Members reinforced positive online engagement strategies that built relationships during pandemic to support and empower women who find traditional ways of engagement difficult due to previous negative experiences of accessing services.  Next progress report requested 2022/23.
Domestic Abuse - Identifying Hidden Victims	Examined how the Council and partner organisations identify and support victims of domestic abuse across the Borough, focussing on access to support and the delivery model meeting the needs of victims of domestic abuse who are also CSE survivors. Discussed the Council's new responsibilities following on from the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.	Because the changes associated with the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 required further development of the Safer Rotherham Partnership's Domestic Abuse Strategy, Members reviewed and fed into the development of the draft strategy.  The revised Safer Rotherham Partnership Domestic Abuse Strategy with input from ILSC Members was subsequently approved by Cabinet in January 2022.
Youth Offending Team Improvement Plan	Reported on 43 completed actions of the 46 planned actions in response to five areas identified in September 2020 as needing improvement. Assured Members that weaknesses resulting in the overall rating had been associated with recording and evidencing the work that took place to support young people who were accessing YOT services, rather than a reflection on the quality of the support provided.	Better understanding of the unique needs of young people known to the YOT who are also in care.  Enhanced cross partnership working and joined approach with Corporate Parenting Panel to further develop the support for young people who are also in the care system.
One Adoption South Yorkshire	Since joining with three other South Yorkshire adoption Teams to form the regional One Adoption South Yorkshire, over the first six months of operation, the agency had met performance targets.	Elected members requested to be involved in promoting the work of One Adoption South Yorkshire in their wards and in encouraging potential adoptive parents to come forward.  Adoption has been named a work programme priority for 2022/23.
Adult Safeguarding Annual Report	Described challenges of "making Safeguarding personal" and noted that 90% of individuals who had been subject to a Safeguarding enquiry had advised that they had felt satisfied with the ultimate outcome of the interventions that had been put into place to support them.	Members recommended that a seminar be delivered to all members of the Council to increase their awareness of Adult Safeguarding issues.  The all-member seminar that was subsequently delivered was well received by members.  Next report requested 2022/23
Rotherham Children's Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report	Strong lines of sight around safeguarding had been maintained during periods of school closures; schools remaining open to vulnerable children throughout the pandemic rose to the challenge of keeping vulnerable children safe.  Operation Makesafe ensures hoteliers recognise and report CSE warning signs by identifying and training hoteliers who had not picked up on the warning signs of CSE and had not provided an appropriate response when they had been subject to an assurance visit.	Assurances that robust safeguarding practices continued during school closures.  South Yorkshire Police are persistently working to ensure all hoteliers are vigilant in carrying out their responsibility to recognise and report warning signs of CSE.  Recent training has produced an uptick in neglect cases across South Yorkshire being reported as such, which has not always been the case.  Next Annual Report due 2022/23.  Image Description: Councillors and teachers in front of brick school buildings
SEND (Special Education Needs and Disability) Provision and Sufficiency	Outlined three-phase strategy to address key areas of need against amid increasing demand for SEND services. Provision of special educational facilities is being developed further alongside support for children and young people in mainstream educational settings where appropriate.	<b>PICTURED RIGHT:</b> To better observe the educational environment at the new Newman School, Members carried out a site visit to the school in March 2022.  SEND provision is a work programme priority for 2022/23.
Holiday Hunger and Holiday Activity Fund	Members scrutinised attendance information as a way of measuring uptake in various parts of the Borough and as a way of identifying potential ways to expand the impact of the programme.	Prior to the next report, work will be undertaken to increase attendance in areas where attendance had been lower than hoped. Members affirmed the Council's resolve to ensure that no child goes hungry over school holidays. The Programme has been extended through October 2022.





# IMPROVING PLACES SELECT COMMISSION

The remit of the Improving Places Select Commission (IPSC) includes scrutiny of all matters pertaining to the Borough of Rotherham as a place: business and economic development, employment, emergency planning, environment and climate change, housing, leisure, culture and tourism, transport and highways, as well as regulatory services such as trading standards and environmental health. IPSC focus for 2021/22 was on Recovery from the pandemic and Climate & environment.

CHAIR:  
CLLR KEN  
WYATT

VICE CHAIR:  
CLLR SIMON  
BURNETT



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## REVIEW OF MARKETS ENGAGEMENT AND RECOVERY



Scrutiny Councillors, with input from National Market Traders Federation (NMTF) and The National Association of British Markets (NABMA), fed into redevelopment plans for Rotherham Town Centre Markets and refresh of the rules and regulations governing the markets, which have been in place since 1971. IPSC Members consulted with lead Markets officers and regional and national experts around vision for redevelopment



during a site visit to the indoor and outdoor Town Centre Markets.

Image Descriptions: Left, a Councillor and an officer stand in front of a fruit stall beneath a vaulted canopy ceiling. Right, two Councillors and an officer with arm outstretched over market railings with Rotherham College buildings in the background.

Recommendations centred around thoughtful redesign and sustainment through stronger engagement with traders, young people, and national markets organisations:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong face-to-face communication with market traders to support trust in relationships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designing for functional, accessible redeveloped spaces that are attractive to young people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-evaluating the support offer to help retain new vendors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanding the young traders scheme for young entrepreneurs and college students</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring trader retention and safety during redevelopment phase</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with traders to modernise ways of conducting business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporating advice and resources from national markets organisations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring long term sustainability</li> </ul>



## SPOTLIGHT OUTCOMES: EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES

IPSC Members met with the Regeneration team to discuss the ambitious programme of bids for Levelling Up funds. Per request, Government feedback on the Dinnington and Wath bids was shared with the Chair of IPSC on 28 April. Insights and workstreams from the scrutiny review of Markets recovery and engagement will feed into future bids involving Markets. Members and officers continue to work with the Mayoral Combined Authority to ensure equitable distribution of gainshare funding is achieved.

## IPSC WORK PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS 21/22

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**HOUSING ENERGY EFFICIENCY** discussions revealed a need for a plan to help families experiencing fuel poverty to access support.

**ROADS** maintenance and Multihog schedules needed to be better publicised and footpaths prioritised in 22/23.

**FLY-TIPPING** discussions led to Members feeding into early development of an Enviro-Crime Plan, June 2022.

**BEREAVEMENT SERVICES** were recommended to investigate reports of flooded graves as a matter of urgency, develop and share a 5 year maintenance plan, and consult with relevant professionals and clergy.

**ROUGH SLEEPERS** services needed financial sustainability to aid retention of skilled staff.

**HOUSING** policies needed a process for ensuring those in greatest need are served first for aids and adaptations to make their homes safe and accessible.

**TREES** services were asked to expand community involvement and equalities in consultations and planting strategies, and to expand planting of fruit trees.

**TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION** should partner with local organisations to keep driving high quality, green solutions, and cultural offer in Rotherham Town Centre.

**RECYCLING** strategies responsive to the Environment Bill 2021 that are tailored for Rotherham and upstream waste prevention were highlighted for further work.

IPSC also scrutinised Flooding Alleviation, CCTV, Neighbourhood Working, Libraries, Allotments, and Active Travel.

IPSC Members reviewed the Cultural Strategy jointly with Members of Improving Lives Select Commission.

### OUTCOMES

The Family Support Fund, extended by Cabinet in May 2022, provides support pathways for qualifying families and people on fixed incomes.

A 12-month Multihog delivery programme was drafted and circulated to Members along with their Highway Inspector's contact details. Plans for maintenance of more footpaths figure in the 22/23 Indicative Highway Repair Programme.

On the forthcoming Enviro-Crime Plan, Members recommended strong community/landlord engagement and digital/printed messaging, i.e. on bin calendars; clear processes; and restorative justice approaches.

A plan for immediate, medium term and longer term actions to improve cemetery conditions was shared with Members in June 2022, with full report expected October 2022.

The Rough Sleeper programme subsequently underwent internal review with the outcome expected at IPSC September 2022.

The Housing Policy has been subsequently under review, with details of the updated aids and adaptations process reported to IPSC July 2022.

The next iteration of the Tree Programme comes back to IPSC in spring 2023.

The next update on Town Centre Masterplan is expected December 2022, will include details of cultural value experiences in the Town Centre.

On a site visit to the local recycling centre, RENEWI, to view the capabilities of the anaerobic facility, Members attended a full safety briefing before touring the plant. ID: 3 Councillors wearing hard hats in a classroom



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Councillor  
Rachel Hughes



Councillor  
Dave Sheppard

## Report to Full Council

**July 2022**

### Ward priorities

- Improving the Physical Environment
  - Tackle hotspot areas suffering from fly-tipping and littering
  - Support initiatives that improve the look of the area
  - Clean Air Zone – Rawmarsh Hill
  - Development of Friends of Rawmarsh Cemeteries Group
  - Improvements to Sandhill Park
- Facilities and activities for children and young people
  - Expand range of activities of young people
  - Education projects
  - Improve physical and mental health and well-being
  - Encourage young people to read
- Explore opportunities to improve the Health and Wellbeing of Local Residents
  - Identify projects that aim to improve mental health and wellbeing
  - Support activities that promote physical activities
  - Support existing community groups to recover from the pandemic, re-opening community facilities and activities safely
- Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
  - Support partnership working initiatives that make people feel safe where they live or work
  - Create initiatives that address issues in hotspot areas

### How these ward priorities were agreed

We used a range of information to inform our Ward Plan priorities for the Rawmarsh East Ward:-

The new Ward boundaries and Ward profile.

Feedback from residents and stakeholders

Speaking to local organisations and individuals, and partners working and/or living within the Ward

Existing local knowledge



## How these ward priorities support the Thriving Neighbourhoods strategy

Our approach has been and remains centred on the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy by putting our community at the heart of everything we do. To work to improve the health of our community, to make them feel safe and proud of where they live, by:-

- Working with communities on the things that matter to them
- Listening and working together to make a difference

## Working in partnership

We have worked with colleagues within the Council and also:-

Friends of Rawmarsh and Parkgate Greenspaces  
Friends of Rawmarsh Cemeteries  
High Street Centre  
Residents of Potteries Bungalow Complex  
Residents of Apollo Street Bungalow Complex  
Residents of Arcon Place Bungalow Complex  
Friends of Turner Close Neighbourhood Centre  
RMBC Partners, South Yorkshire Police  
St. Joseph's Junior Football Club  
Parkgate 200 Year Commemoration Group  
Rawmarsh and Parkgate History Group  
RotherFed



## Progress so far

Work to improve the physical environment is a key priority for us. Friends of Rawmarsh and Parkgate Greenspaces carry out weekly litterpicks throughout the Rawmarsh area. The Group formed over four years ago and continued to carry out their work, individually and socially distanced, throughout the Covid pandemic. They have co-ordinated their litterpicks with Community Blitz and skip days to make a real difference to their area. For Remembrance Day, the area was decorated with over 300 lamppost poppies, which we are hoping to expand on further. Problem parking on the grass verges on Green Lane was solved with the installation of wooden bollards. We took this opportunity to enhance the neighbourhood by planting up these protected areas with spring bulbs which residents have really enjoyed seeing.

Facilities and activities for young people is also a priority to us. We have worked with Rawmarsh Library – providing funding for resources for the activities they carry out throughout the year. To encourage children to read we also funded, with Rawmarsh West Ward, a visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park for those children who completed the summer reading challenge. Feedback from the visit was very positive. Previously, we have funded a visit to the Space Centre in Leicester. We are looking to continue this, this year, with a visit to Magna.

We are in the process of planning a number of events – that will take place throughout 2023 - to celebrate the Parkgate 200 year commemorations. We are working in partnership with Rawmarsh and Parkgate History Group, Rotherham United Community Sports Trust, local schools, RotherFed and Council colleagues. The events will include a Gala; bulb/bedding plants on the traffic Island at entrance to Parkgate; Mini Museum at Rawmarsh Library; Easter Event; History Walks/Talks. The aim is to celebrate Parkgate now and Parkgate of the past, to raise the profile of Parkgate. We are hopeful that the Towns and Villages Funding works will be completed in time to enhance these events.

We have held drop-ins, surgeries and walkabouts in Neighbourhood Centres, bungalow complexes and hotspot areas throughout Rawmarsh East with colleagues from Housing, South Yorkshire Police and RotherFed to identify and address concerns and priorities. Arising from these, improvements are being made to drying areas in the Potteries bungalow complex and Ring Doorbells are being provided to residents on Victoria Road funded through the Ward Housing Hub. We continue to carry out drop-ins, surgeries and walkabouts to inform our priorities for this and coming years.

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Councillor  
Bob Bird



Councillor  
Jill Thompson

## Report to Full Council

**July, 2022.**

### Ward priorities

- Improvements to the local community
  - Tackle Hotspot Areas suffering from fly-tipping and littering
  - Improving Open Spaces
  - Clean Air Zone – Rawmarsh Hill
- Facilities and Activities for Local People
  - Support Pops Outdoor Activities
  - Engage with Voluntary and Charitable Organisations
  - Support RotherFed in 'Making Our Money Go Further'
- Ensure Rosehill Park is a well-used resource and is accessible to all ages and abilities
  - Development of plan of events and activities in Rosehill Park
- Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
  - Support partnership working initiatives that make people feel safe where they live or work
  - Create initiatives that address issues in hotspot areas
  - Identify common themes across Rawmarsh and address as a whole

### How these ward priorities were agreed

We used a range of information to inform our Ward Plan priorities for the Rawmarsh West Ward:-

The new Ward boundaries and Ward profile.  
Feedback from residents and stakeholders  
Speaking to local organisations and individuals, and partners working and/or living within the Ward  
Existing local knowledge  
Community Events



### How these ward priorities support the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy

Our approach has been and remains centred on the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy by putting our community at the heart of everything we do. To work to improve the health of our community, to make them feel safe and proud of where they live, by:-

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## Working in partnership

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Friends of Rawmarsh and Parkgate Greenspaces  
Friends of Rosehill Park  
Rawmarsh Runners  
Friends of Rawmarsh Cemeteries  
High Street Centre  
Pops Summer Camp  
Harding Avenue Drop-in Centre  
Steadlands Community Group  
RMBC Partners, South Yorkshire Police  
St. Joseph's Junior Football Club  
Parkgate 200 Year Commemoration Group  
Rawmarsh and Parkgate History Group  
RotherFed



## Progress so far

A new group has been formed with the assistance of Chris Willis, Bereavement Services - Friends of Rawmarsh Cemeteries. The Group includes representatives of Rawmarsh and Parkgate History Group, local residents and residents from as far afield as Blackpool who have family ties to Rawmarsh and Parkgate.

There are three cemeteries in the Rawmarsh area, all have a wealth of local history. It is hoped in future that local school children will be able to access the sites and from the memorials learn about World War I, World War II and industrial past of the area. A new bench is to be installed in Haugh Road Cemetery to provide a quiet space for visitors to sit and reflect.

Our priority is to ensure Rosehill Park is a well-used resource and is accessible to all ages and abilities. We have worked with Friends of Rosehill Park, Rawmarsh Runners, Greenspaces RotherFed and Yorkshire Sports Foundation to organise community events in the school summer and Easter holidays. The events were very well attended and positive feedback was received from those attending. Fencing has been installed to create an area for use for community events which has already been used for the Egg and Spoon Race. Two of the tennis courts have been earmarked for refurbishment by the Lawn Tennis Association. The car park lines have been re-marked. SRP funding was secured to install additional lighting and a new CCTV system. We are exploring opportunities to make improvements including the automated bollard and lighting on the skate park.

Our local Housing Officers have arranged walkabouts with local residents who have shared their knowledge of the local area and pointed out issues and areas of concern that may not otherwise have come to our attention – gennels that need tidying and cutting back, steps that are in a dangerous condition.

Valuing the environment has been a key priority in the area. Friends of Rawmarsh and Parkgate Greenspaces carry out weekly litter picks and we have had blitz, skip and clean up days.



**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**  
**22nd June, 2022**

**Present:-**

Councillor David Roche	Cabinet Member, Adult Social Care and Health <b>Chair</b>
Ben Anderson	Director of Public Health
Councillor Cusworth	Cabinet Member, Children and Young People
Chris Edwards	Chief Operating Officer, Rotherham CCG
Dr. Jason Page	Governance Lead, Rotherham CCG
Natalie Palmer	Healthwatch Rotherham
Katherine Singh	RDaSH
Ian Spicer	Strategic Director, Adult Social Care
Michael Wright	Deputy Chief Executive, Rotherham Foundation Trust (representing Richard Jenkins)

**Report Presenters:-**

Ruth Fletcher-Brown	Public Health
Kate Gray	Public Health
Sally Jenks	Public Health
Lorna Quinn	Public Health
Amanda Raven	Community Safety
Rebecca Woolley	Public Health

**Also Present:-**

Councillor Aveyard	
Leonie Weiser	Policy Officer

**Apologies for Absence**

Richard Cullen, Shafiq Hussain, Sharon Kemp, Alison Smith, Councillor Thompson, Shayne Tottie and Paul Woodcock.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

**2. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS**

The Chair invited the member of the public present to ask his question:-

“A lot of work has been taking place in South Yorkshire with regard to Stroke Services and reviewing Services. I would like to understand the role of this Board in the prevention of strokes which were devastating to the patients as well as a great deal of resources both in health and social care.”

The Chair replied that the key role of the Board was prevention and integration. A Board agenda item today was the Prevention and Health Inequalities Strategy and action plan part of which was around prevention of long term conditions including CVD, hypertension etc. It was part of the

Strategy going forward as well as part of the NHS long term plan. There had been an active role in the reconfiguration of the Hyper Acute Stroke Service to improve performance and heavily involved in consultation with the public to ensure that Rotherham patients had the best outcomes. Work was taking place to bring health checks to Rotherham and it was planned to include blood pressure checks when someone attended for a CT scan.

### **3. COMMUNICATIONS**

(1) The Chair reported that this was the last meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board in its current form due to the forthcoming Integrated Care Partnership. Richard Cullen, Vice-Chair, would no longer be a member of the Board due to the changes that were taking place.

The Chair thanked Richard for the work that he had undertaken on behalf of the Board.

(2) The Chair had met with Honour Rhodes from the Tavistock Clinic with regard to a request to consider Rotherham signing a Relationship Charter. This was to be discussed at the Executive Group with a view to inviting her to a future meeting of the Board.

### **4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board were considered.

Arising from Minute No. 57(2) (B:Friend), it was noted that there was no update to report.

Arising from Minute No. 58 (Director of Public Health Report), it was noted that it would be discussed at the Executive Group meeting the following week.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2022, be approved as a true record.

### **5. ROTHERHAM SUICIDE PREVENTION AND SELF-HARM ACTION PLAN 2022-23**

Ruth Fletcher-Brown, Public Health Specialist, presented the Rotherham Suicide Prevention and Self-Harm Action Plan 2022-2023.

Suicide prevention was a priority area within the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Integrated Care System (ICS) and joint work was taking place across the ICS to address the following areas:-

- Working with the media in relation to suicide prevention
- Establishing, implementing and evaluating one real time surveillance data system across South Yorkshire, Rotherham Safer Neighbourhood Service. South Yorkshire Police had been doing this work for years and had been key in sharing good practice across the region
- Supporting those people bereaved and affected by suicide
- Working with Sheffield University to conduct an audit of coroners' records to build up a richer narrative about the wider personal, economic and societal factors that contributed to the suicide that could be used to inform the development of future local and ICS level suicide prevention work

Locally suicide prevention was a priority area within the Rotherham Place Plan and the Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy.

The action plan detailed the governance arrangements, both the national and local picture and a findings summary of the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw suicide audit.

It was noted that a second suicide prevention symposium would be held on 12<sup>th</sup> October in Rotherham.

Discussion ensued with the following issues raised/clarified:-

- A local increase had started to be seen in the number of deaths by suicide which was also reflected across some areas in South Yorkshire. The real time data submitted was being monitored
- Work was taking place with Communications colleagues with regard to possibly relaunching the Be the One Campaign in September
- Work would also be launched in September for children and young people that had been bereaved by suicide

Resolved:- That the report be approved.

## **6. JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE**

Lorna Quinn and Kate Gray gave the following powerpoint presentation on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA):-

What does the JSNA cover

- Looks at the current and future health and care needs of local populations to inform and guide the planning and commissioning of health, wellbeing and social care services within a local authority area
- Takes a wide view of health
  - Concerned with wider social factors that have an impact on people's health and wellbeing such as housing, poverty and employment
  - Identifies health inequalities

- Identifies gaps in health and care services documenting unmet needs
- Has a wide range of inputs
  - Cross-Council and multi-partner input required
  - Nearly 300 indicators from 10 teams and bodies

#### What's new for 2022

- New small geography sections so users can access and compare data at a smaller geographical level in Rotherham
- Governance aspect – all sections need approval from relevant team/data lead/Directorate
- A suggested quarterly newsletter to a subscribed group which will incorporate new data where refreshed i.e. fingertips data
- A 'Rotherham profile' that details key data and will be updated quarterly alongside the newsletter
- Health Needs Assessments to be linked to appropriate JSNA document (as executive summaries)

#### JSNA Data Update

- Existing indicators updated
- Additional data include fingertips data on mortality, life expectancy data and Culture and Leisure

#### What's Next

- The JSNA is live
- Dissemination
- Training opportunities
- Steering group
- Newsletter updates

Discussion ensued with the following issues raised/clarified:-

- Prior to any decisions being made within the Council, consultation should take place with the Rotherham data hub
- A seminar be held for Elected Members to raise awareness
- The more information inputted to the JSNA the better single picture of Rotherham derived
- An "idiots guide" would be useful

Resolved:- (1) That the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment update be noted.

(2) That arrangements be made for an Elected Members seminar to take place.

**7. LEARNING FROM A DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW**

Amanda Raven, Community Safety Officer, gave a presentation on a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) that had taken place in 2019. A DHR followed a death of a person aged 16+ years resulting from violence, abuse or neglect by a person or had been in an intimate relationship or a member of the same household.

The presentation set out the details of the incident and the resultant learning.

Resolved:- That the presentation be noted.

**8. ROTHERHAM PREVENTION AND HEALTH INEQUALITIES STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

Ben Anderson, Director of Public Health, and Becky Woolley, Public Health Specialist, presented the following powerpoint presentation:-

**Background and Context**

- March, 2021 – Director of Public Health presented at the Health and Wellbeing Board on the features of a prevention-led system
- May 2021 – ICP Prevention and Health Inequalities Enabler Group was established to help take forward the agenda
- October, 2021 – Officer to support the work came into post
- January-March, 2022 – Strategy and action plan produced and refined by the Enabler Group
- April, 2022 – ICP Place Board agreed the Strategy and action plan

**People in Rotherham live well for longer**

- Strengthen our understanding of health inequalities
  - Improve the understanding of health inequalities in Rotherham
  - Ensure that partners have access to bespoke data products
  - Ensure that data around health inequalities informs commissioning, decision making and service delivery
- Develop the healthy lifestyles prevention pathway
  - Reduce the prevalence of smoking in Rotherham and narrow the gap between our most and least deprived communities
  - Increase the proportion of people in Rotherham who are a healthy weight
  - Reduce alcohol-related harm for people in Rotherham
  - Support older people in Rotherham to retain their independence and age well
- Support the prevention and early diagnosis of chronic conditions
  - Reduce the health burden of cardiovascular disease in Rotherham
  - Improve the management of diabetes
  - Reduce the health burden of chronic respiratory disease in Rotherham

- Increase the proportion of cancer diagnoses made at stage 1 or stage 2
- Ensure people get support with their mental health at the earliest possible stage
- Tackle clinical variation and promote equity of access and care
  - Narrow the gap in maternity outcomes for ethnic minority women and women from deprived communities
  - Reduce premature mortality for people with learning disabilities, autistic people and those with severe mental illnesses
  - Improve access to social prescribing for ethnic minority communities
  - Mitigate against digital exclusion
- Harness partners' roles as anchor institutions
  - Improve the health and wellbeing of our workforce across the place partnership
  - Employ people from deprived communities and inclusion groups in Rotherham
  - Increase our local spend to support Rotherham's economy
  - Reduce our environmental impact

#### Prevention and HI Strategy CORE20 PLUS5 Groups

- The Prevention and Health Inequalities Strategy has drawn from the CORE20 PLUS5 approach to identify and address health inequalities. This means focussing on:
  - The most deprived 20% of the national population (36% of the Rotherham population live in the 20% most deprived areas of England)
  - In addition to deprivation, we know that there are other factors that drive health inequalities. In the Development of the Strategy, several inclusion groups for Rotherham had been identified:-
    - Ethnic minority communities
    - Gypsy, Roma and traveller communities
    - People with severe mental illnesses (SMIs)
    - People with learning disabilities and neurodiverse people
    - Carers
    - Asylum seekers and refugees
    - Those in contact with the criminal justice system

Discussion ensued with the following issues raised/clarified:-

- The Rotherham Foundation Trust had its own health inequalities plan which would be considered at its Board in July
- Staggering gap in healthy life expectancy which it was hoped the preventative approach would narrow giving people better lives and better outcomes
- A jointly funded post with South Yorkshire Sports the role of which would be exploring how to get people more active particularly in areas of deprivation and those areas of low take up of physical activity

Resolved:- (1) That the Prevention and Health Inequalities Strategy be noted and supported.

(2) That the Board be provided with regular updates as to progress made.

## **9. BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY BOROUGH DECLARATION**

Sally Jenks, Health Improvement Principal, presented a report on the move to establish Rotherham as a Breastfeeding Borough and have a local Breastfeeding Declaration which would clearly set out the commitment of the Council, the Health and Wellbeing Board and key partner organisations to support change.

The report provided an update on the breastfeeding work in line with 1001 days and Healthy Weight Declaration the timeline for development was initiated in February 2022 and initially planned for the next 12 months. The action was grouped into the themes of:-

Initiatives  
Policy and Workplace  
Communications  
Training and Embedding into Practice  
Contracts and Procurement

Resolved:- (1) That the Board agree to the commitment to the principle of becoming a Breastfeeding Borough by endorsing the Declaration, becoming individual and organisational champions of the Breastfeeding Declaration and committing to making Rotherham Borough breastfeeding friendly.

(2) That challenge be brought where current policies or practice hindered progress towards the aims of the Breastfeeding Declaration and aim to become a Breastfeeding Borough.

(3) That further consideration be given as to where Rotherham could best focus efforts to improve and maximise opportunities to support the agenda.

(4) That the Council-based Breastfeeding Declaration action plan, including the governance and accountability processes, be agreed.

## **10. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chair presented the Health and Wellbeing Board 2021/22 annual report with the aid of the following powerpoint presentation:-

#### Our 2021/22

- May 2021  
Board agrees that 4 key aims would remain the headline outcomes for the Board to work towards  
Prevention and Health Inequalities Group meets for the first time
- July 2021  
Consultation with members on refreshed priorities was launched
- September 2021  
The Health and Wellbeing Board approved the renewed priorities and refreshed action plan
- February 2022  
Government publishes Joining Up Care for People, Places and Populations. The Government's proposals for health and care integration
- March 2022  
Board Executive group meet the designated Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board

#### Refreshed Strategic Priorities

- Aim 1: All children get the best start in life and go on to achieve their full potential  
Develop our approach to give every child the best start in life  
Support children and young people to develop well
- Aim 2: All Rotherham people enjoy the best possible mental health and wellbeing and have a good quality of life  
Promote better mental health and wellbeing for all Rotherham people  
Take action to prevent suicide and self-harm  
Promote positive workplace wellbeing for staff across the partnership  
Enhance access to Mental Health Services
- Aim 3: All Rotherham people live well for longer  
Ensure support is in place for carers  
Support local people to lead healthy lifestyles including reducing the health burden from tobacco, obesity and drugs and alcohol
- Aim 4: All Rotherham people live in healthy, safe and resilient communities  
Deliver a loneliness plan for Rotherham  
Promote health and wellbeing through arts and cultural initiatives  
Ensure Rotherham people are kept safe from harm  
Develop a Borough that supports a healthy lifestyle

#### Key Areas of Progress – Aim 1

- RMBC Catering Services have achieved a Food for Life award
- Children's services developed a team Around the School (TAS) model of working, developing targeted support for children and young people in schools with a focus on mental health wellbeing, transition and including recovery from the impact of Covid-19 on pupils' wellbeing



Key Areas of Progress – Aim 2

- Launch of the Be the One campaign in September 2021
- Between April 2021 and March 2022 Council staff delivered training to over 100 people across the partnership to increase awareness on self-harm and suicide prevention

Key Areas of Progress – Aim 3

- Strengthening support for carers through the establishment of “The Borough That Cares Strategic Group”
- A variety of programmes were delivered to support local people to lead healthy lifestyles including reducing the health burden from tobacco, obesity and drugs and alcohol

Key Areas of Progress – Aim 4

- Rotherham Show was delivered in September 2021 in a Covid-safe way
- Making Every Contact Count (MECC) training was launched and delivered to over 150 people
- Public Health England (PHE) Better Mental Health Fund Befriender project was delivered

Our Challenges

- Health inequalities between our most and least deprived communities and between Rotherham and national average
- Mental health and wellbeing remains a concern and half of people aged 75 years+ live alone and were lonely
- More than 30,000 people were providing unpaid care in Rotherham
- A significant proportion of adults were physically inactive

Forward Look

- Refresh Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy based on the agreed priorities, including delivering a loneliness plan, ensuring support was in place for carers and developing a Borough that supports a healthy lifestyle
- Engage with members across partner organisations and Board sponsors to update the Board’s action plan which underpins the Strategy
- Work with South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw ICS to shape future arrangements

Discussion ensued on the report and presentation with the following issues raised/clarified:-

- Acknowledgement that there were some gaps as details of the ICP were still awaited
- Several meetings that taken place with the new Chief Executive and Chair of the ICP

- It had been a very difficult year due to the impact of Covid on key organisations and the necessary diversion of their resources
- The quarterly meetings with the South Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board Chairs and Chief Executives would continue
- Pleasing work carried out with schools to support children with their mental health needs that had been exacerbated by the pandemic
- The impact of the increasing levels of poverty and disadvantage in the Borough and the continuing pressure of those together with the fuel/energy crisis

Resolved:- (1) That the 2021-22 annual report be noted.

(2) That Aim updates be submitted to future Board meetings.

**11. ANNUAL REFRESH OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD'S TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Leonie Wieser, Policy Officer, presented the proposed refreshed Terms of Reference for the Board. It was noted that they would be submitted to the Board's September meeting following the launch of the ICP in July.

Currently there were 3 representatives of the Clinical Commissioning Group with proposals for them to be replaced by the Rotherham Place Director and 2 members of the ICP Board (Medical Director and local GP Federation). As the current Vice-Chair represented the CCG, it was proposed that the Medical Director become Vice-Chair.

With regard to venues, it was noted that Oak House was now available to host meetings of the Board.

Resolved:- (1) That the proposed terms of reference be agreed in line with the discussion at the meeting and updated as and when required.

(2) That the Medical Director, representing the ICP Board, be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

(3) That the Health and Wellbeing Board remain at its current number of members.

**12. HEATH AND WELLBEING BOARD ANNUAL SURVEY FEEDBACK**

Leonie Wieser, Policy Officer, gave a verbal report on the annual survey feedback the response rate to which had been low.

Discussion took place on the methods used in the past to gather feedback which had included individual contact by Executive Group members and more recently a total online survey.

Resolved:- (1) That the feedback from the annual survey be noted.

(2) That the annual survey continue via the online method with 1:1 discussions arranged if requested.

**13. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD 2021/22 ACTION PLAN FINAL UPDATE AND REFRESH 2022-25**

Ben Anderson, Director of Public Health, presented the action plan highlighting that the majority of the milestones were blue (completed) or green (on track).

It was noted that the refresh of the action plan would be submitted to the September Board meeting.

Discussion ensued on the wording of the priorities which had been agreed at the previous Board meeting. However, there was now a proposal to change the wording of the crosscutting priority slightly from “work in partnership to maximise value across the Borough” to “work in partnership to maximise the positive impact of anchor institutions’.

Also, at a meeting with the Chief Executive of Age Concern, it was requested that the mental health and health issues of those over 60 years of age be considered more specifically rather than generally. If Aim 4 was changed to “making Rotherham an Age Friendly Borough” it would be in line with the Health Inequalities Plan.

Resolved:- (1) That the action plan be noted.

(2) That the Board be kept informed on the ongoing work to refresh the action plan.

**14. ISSUES ESCALATED FROM THE PLACE BOARD**

There were no issues to report.

**15. ROTHERHAM ICP PLACE BOARD**

The minutes of the Rotherham ICP Place Board held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, were noted.

**16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:- That a further meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board be held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2022, in Rotherham Town Hall.

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**LICENSING BOARD-SUB-COMMITTEE****13th June, 2022**

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Ball, Bennett-Sylvester, Hughes and McNeely.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

**2. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and prevention of crime).

**3. APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT/RENEWAL/REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES**

The Sub-Committee, considered a report of the Licensing Manager relating to applications for the review of the hackney carriage/private hire driver licences in respect of Messrs. A.AI-G and A.Y.S.

Mr. A.AI-G had requested that his application for review be adjourned in order to secure GMB and possible legal representation.

Mr. A.Y.S. was in attendance at the meeting.

Resolved:- (1) That the application for the review of a private hire/hackney carriage driver licence in respect of Mr. A.AI.G. be granted

(2) That the hackney carriage/private hire driver licence in respect of Mr. A.Y.S. be revoked.

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**LICENSING BOARD-SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**4th July, 2022**

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Ball, Castledine-Dack, Hughes and McNeely.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

**5. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and prevention of crime).

**6. APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT/RENEWAL/REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES**

The Sub-Committee, considered a report of the Licensing Manager relating to applications for the review/grant of the hackney carriage/private hire driver licences in respect of Messrs. A.AI-G and S.A.S.

Due to a medical incident taking place prior to the review, Mr. A.AI-G and his 2 GMB representatives had requested that his application for review be adjourned.

Mr. S.A.S. was in attendance at the meeting.

Resolved:- (1) That consideration of the review of the private hire/hackney carriage driver licence in respect of Mr. A.AI.G. be adjourned until 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2022, meeting of the Sub-Committee.

(2) That the hackney carriage/private hire driver licence in respect of Mr. S.A.S. be approved.

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**PLANNING BOARD**  
**19th May 2022**

Present:- Councillor Atkin (in the Chair); Councillors Bacon, Bird, Burnett, Cowen, Elliott, Fisher, Keenan, Sansome, Sheppard, Tarmey, Tinsley and Wooding.

Apologies for absence:- Apologies were received from Councillors Havard, Lelliott and McNeely.

The webcast of the Planning Meeting can be viewed at:-  
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**89. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items on the agenda to warrant exclusion of the press and public.

**90. MATTERS OR URGENCY**

There were no matters of urgency for consideration.

**91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest to report.

**92. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 7TH APRIL, 2022**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Regulatory Board held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

**93. DEFERMENTS/SITE VISITS**

There were no site visits or deferments recommended.

**94. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

Resolved:- (1) That, on the development proposals now considered, the requisite notices be issued and be made available on the Council's website and that the time limits specified in Sections 91 and 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 apply.

In accordance with the right to speak procedure, a number of people attended the meeting and spoke about the following application:-

**PLANNING BOARD - 19/05/22**

- Construction of new 3G all-weather football pitch associated hardstandings, floodlighting and fencing, Wales High School, Storth Lane, Kiveton Park (RB2021/1326)

Mr. M. Dunker (Applicant)

- Reserved matters application (details of appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) for the erection of 320 No. dwellinghouses (reserved by outline RB2019/0894) at land East of Moor Lane South Ravenfield for Redrow Homes Limited (RB2021/1532)

Ms. J. Hodson (Agent for the applicant)

Councillor G. Reynolds

Mr. D. Rowley (Ravenfield Parish Council) (Objector)

(2) That, application RB2021/21326 be granted for the reasons adopted by Members at the meeting and subject to the relevant conditions listed in the submitted report.

(3) That, with regards to application RB2021/1532:-

(a) subject to the Council entering into a Deed of Variation Agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the purposes of securing the following, which were agreed as part of the signed Section 106 agreement attached to the outline permission:-

- 25% on site affordable housing provision in accordance with the Council's adopted Policy (80 dwellings).
- Commuted sum of £500 per dwelling towards sustainable transport measures (£25,600).
- Financial contribution towards the enhancement of local bus services - £100,000 per annum for a period of 3 years.
- Improvement of 4 bus shelters on Moor Lane South and Braithwell Road amounting to £63,389.10.
- Education Contribution in line with the Council's adopted formulae towards Maltby Academy (£670,728).
- Formation of a Local Area of Play prior to occupation of the 100<sup>th</sup> dwelling.
- Formation of a Local Equipped Area of Play prior to the occupation of the 200<sup>th</sup> dwelling.
- Financial contribution towards the improvement of football pitches at Ravenfield Recreation Ground or Bill Hawes to provide playing surfaces - £15,000 prior to the occupation of the 250<sup>th</sup> dwelling.
- Establishment of a Management Company to manage and maintain the areas of Greenspace, including the proposed LAP and LEAP.

(b) subject to the satisfactory securing of such an agreement, the Council resolves to grant planning permission for the proposed development subject to the reasons for grant and conditions listed in the submitted report.

**95. UPDATES**

The Head of Planning drew the Planning Board's attention to:-

- (a) The Levelling Up White Paper and the potential for planning reforms  
These plans to address and narrow these differences were to be introduced, covering numerous areas of Government structures and public policy. Further details as the White Paper progressed towards Royal Assent would be provided in due course.
- (b) A forthcoming Town and Country Planning Association's Webinar: 'An introduction to planning reform for elected councillors' which would take place on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., hosted on Zoom.

This introductory session would explain the current English planning system and outline how the proposed reforms to the system were expected to be implemented.

Details on how to join would be circulated.

**96. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Planning Board take place on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 at 9.00 a.m. at Rotherham Town Hall.

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**PLANNING BOARD**  
**9th June, 2022**

Present:- Councillor Atkin (in the Chair); Councillors Councillor Jenny Andrews, Bird, Burnett, Cowen, Havard, Tarmey and Wooding.

Apologies for absence:- Apologies were received from Councillors Bacon, Elliott, Fisher, Keenan and Taylor.

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**97. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items on the agenda to warrant exclusion of the press and public.

**98. MATTERS OF URGENCY**

There were no matters of urgency for consideration.

**99. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest to report.

**100. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19TH MAY, 2022**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Regulatory Board held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2022, be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

**101. DEFERMENTS/SITE VISITS**

There were no site visits or deferments recommended.

**102. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

Resolved:- (1) That, on the development proposals now considered, the requisite notices be issued and be made available on the Council's website and that the time limits specified in Sections 91 and 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 apply.

In accordance with the right to speak procedure, a number of people attended the meeting and spoke about the following application:-

- Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a foodstore (Use Class E) with associated access, parking, servicing areas & landscaping at former Maltby Fire Station and Library High Street Maltby for Lidl GB Ltd (RB2021/0288)

Mr. G. Rafferty (Applicant)

Reserved matters application comprising layout, scale, appearance, landscaping and access (vehicular, pedestrian and cycle) within the site, for the provision of employment floorspace (E(g)(ii) & (iii)/B2 and B8) including ancillary office space and associated infrastructure pursuant to outline planning permission RB2021/1506 at Land off Cumwell Lane Hellaby for Rotherham East Development Ltd (RB2021/2317)

Mr. D. Burn (Applicant)

Ms. S. Yates (Support of Applicant)

Mrs. A. Rowley (Objector)

- (2) That, applications RB2021/0288 and RB2021/2317 be granted for the reasons adopted by Members at the meeting and subject to the relevant conditions listed in the submitted report.

### **103. UPDATES**

The following update information was provided:-

- (a) Planning Application – Exploratory Drill and Associated Works – Dinnington Road, Woodsetts (RB2018/0918)

Further to Minute No. 28 of the meeting of the Planning Board held on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, Planning Officers confirmed that following the Planning Inquiry and the Planning Inspectorate's favourable recommendation to allow, the Secretary of State had since dismissed the appeal. This was based on the impact on local residents and in relation to the acoustic fence on the openness of the green belt.

- (b) Planning Application – Exploratory Drill and Associated Works – Land adjacent to Common Road, Harthill (RB2017/805)

Further to Minute No. 61 of the meeting of the Planning Board held on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 Planning Officers confirmed that despite the appeal being upheld in favour of the applicants, work had not started within three years so the permission had now lapsed.

Resolved:- That the information be noted.

**PLANNING BOARD - 09/06/22**

**104. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Planning Board take place on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 at 9.00 a.m. at Rotherham Town Hall.

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**STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE**  
**16th June 2022**

Present:- Councillor McNeely (in the Chair); Councillors Bacon, Griffin, Hughes, Tarmey, Yasseen and Buckley and also Mrs. A. Bingham, Mr. P. Edler, Mrs. M. Evers and Mrs. K. Penney (Independent Co-optees).

Mr. P. Beavers, Independent Person, was also present at the invitation of the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Z. Collingham, Carroll and Mr. R. Swann and Mr. D. Roper-Newman (Independent Person).

**1.            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Parish Councillor Buckley declared a personal interest in Minute No. 6 (Consideration of Complaints) on the grounds of knowing about one of the complaints submitted.

Councillor Yasseen declared a personal interest in Minute No. 6 (Consideration of Complaints) on the grounds of knowing about one of the complaints submitted.

**2.            EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Resolved:-**

That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for (Minute Nos. 5 and 6 (Whistleblowing and Complaints)) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

**3.            MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 10TH MARCH, 2022**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

The Chair sought an assurance that the definition list for any acronyms be included in future reports.

**Resolved:-** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 be approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

**STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE - 16/06/22****4. COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE - REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS - GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Service Manager which detailed how during 2018, the Committee on Standards in Public Life undertook a review of Local Government ethical standards.

This Committee contributed to the consultation which was undertaken in respect of the review. The Committee on Standards in Public Life report was published in January 2019 and reported to this Committee in March 2019 and subsequently in terms of implementation of recommendations.

Many of the recommendations within the Committee on Standards in Public Life review in relation to the sanctions available to local authorities for breaches of the Code of Conduct, required amendments to legislation and as such were directed to the Government. The Government's response to the report had now been published.

The Committee went on to consider the Government response and each recommendation in turn and whether any amendments to the adopted model Code of Conduct should be recommended to Council; or if there were any further comments on the Government's position. The full response was included as an appendix to the report.

The Committee made the following comments in turn:-

**Recommendation 1** - The Local Government Association should create an updated model code of conduct, in consultation with representative bodies of councillors and officers of all tiers of local government.

- Complete and adopted.

No further action required.

**Recommendation 2** - The government should ensure that candidates standing for or accepting public offices are not required publicly to disclose their home address. The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 should be amended to clarify that a councillor does not need to register their home address on an authority's register of interests.

- Sensitivity given to any disclosures if concerns were provided in advance of any elections.
- Candidates could opt to be excluded from the edited version of the Register of Electors.

No further action required.

**Recommendation 3** - Councillors should be presumed to be acting in an official capacity in their public conduct, including statements on publicly accessible social media. Section 27(2) of the Localism Act 2011 should be amended to permit local authorities to presume so when deciding upon code of conduct breaches.

- The difficulty in separating personal and official capacities for those democratically elected.
- The risks on social media of bringing the office of Councillor into disrepute.
- The wording in the model Code of Conduct was very clear.
- The risk to Elected Members and the potential for being placed in unreasonable situations.
- To strengthen the protection of Councillors.
- Appropriate and inappropriate use of social media.
- Infringement of an Elected Member's right to free speech.

To continue to monitor.

**Recommendation 4** - Section 27(2) of the Localism Act 2011 should be amended to state that a local authority's code of conduct applies to a member when they claim to act, or give the impression they are acting, in their capacity as a member or as a representative of the local authority.

- Welcome the opportunity to keep under review.
- Benefits of social media.
- Ensure appropriate training provided.
- Welcome the decision to keep under review.

No further action required.

**Recommendation 5** - The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 should be amended to include: unpaid directorships; trusteeships; management roles in a charity or a body of a public nature; and membership of any organisations that seek to influence opinion or public policy.

- Welcome the decision to keep under review.
- Timely reminders to Elected Members.
- Look to how the register of interests can be better enabled.

To continue to monitor.

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**Recommendation 6** - Local authorities should be required to establish a register of gifts and hospitality, with councillors required to record gifts and hospitality received over a value of £50 or totalling £100 over a year from a single source. This requirement should be included in an updated model code of conduct.

- Uplifting of the amount from £25.00 to £50.00 for the registration of gifts and hospitality.
- Welcome the potential to include a cumulative annual amount.

To be kept under review and for further information to be sought from other Local Authorities.

**Recommendation 7** - Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 should be repealed, and replaced with a requirement that councils include in their code of conduct that a councillor must not participate in a discussion or vote in a matter to be considered at a meeting if they have any interest, whether registered or not, “if a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard the interest as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your consideration or decision-making in relation to the matter”.

- Welcome this matter being under review given there are no immediate plans to repeal Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011.
- Potential to extend to close family members and not just a spouse.

No further action required.

**Recommendation 8** - The Localism Act 2011 should be amended to require that Independent Persons are appointed for a fixed term of two years, renewable once.

- Independent Persons who demonstrate the capability, judgement and integrity required should continue to undertake the role.
- No limitations on the appointment.

No further action required.

**Recommendation 9** - The Local Government Transparency Code should be updated to provide that the view of the Independent Person in relation to a decision on which they are consulted should be formally recorded in any decision notice or minutes.

- This depends on circumstances of the complaint or breach.

No further action required.

**Recommendation 10** - A local authority should only be able to suspend a councillor where the authority's Independent Person agrees both with the finding or a breach and that suspending the councillor would be a proportionate sanction.

**Recommendation 12** - Local authorities should be given the discretionary power to establish a decision-making standards committee with voting independent members and voting members from dependent parishes, to decide on allegations and impose sanctions.

**Recommendation 13** - Councillors should be given the right to appeal to the Local Government Ombudsman if their local authority imposes a period of suspension for breaching the code of conduct.

**Recommendation 14** - The Local Government Ombudsman should be given the power to investigate and decide upon an allegation of a code of conduct breach by a councillor, and the appropriate sanction, an appeal by a councillor who has had a suspension imposed. The Ombudsman's decision should be binding on the local authority.

**Recommendation 16** - Local authorities should be given the power to suspend councillors, without allowances, for up to six months.

- There is no provision in current legislation for a sanction to suspend a councillor found to have breached the code of conduct.
- Local Authorities were not without sanctions under the current regime.
- All councillors are ultimately held to account via the ballot box.
- The Government conducted a period of consultation with sector representative bodies and all tiers of local government to seek views on options to strengthen sanctions to address breaches of the code which fall below the bar of criminal activity and related sanctions but involve serious incidents of bullying and harassment or disruptive behaviour.

To be kept under review.

**Recommendation 11** - Local authorities should provide legal indemnity to Independent Persons if their views or advice are disclosed. The government should require this through secondary legislation if needed.

- Provide legal indemnity for Independent Person as local authority best practice and not required through secondary legislation.

No further action required.

**Recommendation 15** - The Local Government Transparency Code should be updated to require councils to publish annually: the number of code of conduct complaints they receive; what the complaints broadly relate to (e.g., bullying; conflict of interest); the outcome of those complaints, including if they are rejected as trivial or vexatious; and any sanctions applied.

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- No requirement to prescribe to local authorities.
- Reported by way of Complaints Annual Report.

No further action required.

**Recommendation 17** - The government should clarify if councils may lawfully bar councillors from council premises or withdraw facilities as sanctions. These powers should be put beyond doubt in legislation if necessary.

- This is lawful as long as a Councillor is not prevented from discharging their duty.
- To be considered further.

No further action required.

**Recommendation 18** - The criminal offences in the Localism Act 2011 relating to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests should be abolished.

- The criminal offence of a non-disclosure of pecuniary interest was a necessary and proportionate safeguard and deterrent against corruption.

No further action required.

**Recommendation 20** - Section 27(3) of the Localism Act 2011 should be amended to state that parish councils must adopt the code of conduct of their principal authority, with the necessary amendments, or the new model code.

- Consistency within principal authority areas.
- A parish council may want to add to the code of their principal authority to reflect local circumstances.

No further action required.

**Recommendation 21** - Section 28 (11) of the Localism Act 2011 should be amended to state that any sanction imposed on a parish councillor following the finding of a breach is to be determined by the relevant principal authority.

- Investigations and recommendations passed back to a Parish Council should be adopted. There is no legal requirement to do so.

Further comment to be made that Parish Councils should abide by recommendations made by the principal authority.

**Recommendation 22** - The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 should be amended to provide that disciplinary protections for statutory officers extend to all disciplinary action, not just dismissal.

- Note the Government will engage with sector representative bodies of all tiers of local government to seek views on amending the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England)(Amendment) Regulations to provide disciplinary protections for statutory officers.

No further action required.

**Recommendation 23** - The Local Government Transparency Code should be updated to provide that local authorities must ensure that their whistleblowing policy specifies a named contact for the external auditor alongside their contact details, which should be available on the authority's website.

- Best practice adopted.

No further action required.

**Recommendation 24** - Councillors should be listed as 'prescribed persons' for the purposes of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998.

- Welcomes Government recognition that this may provide a further check and balance against council corruption or wrongdoing and is open to further representations on the matter on how local accountability can be strengthened in this regard.

No further action required.

**Resolved:-** (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.

(2) That the comments above be fed back into the Review of Local Government Ethical Standards

(3) That no recommended amendments to the Council's Code of Conduct be noted.

## **5. A REVIEW OF CONCERNS RAISED PURSUANT TO THE WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY**

Consideration was given to the report and appendix presented by the Service Manager which provided an overview of the Whistleblowing cases which have been received over the past year.

Particular reference was made to the appendix to the report which set out clearly the description of the concerns received and action taken.

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**Resolved:-** That the Whistleblowing concerns raised over the previous year and the actions taken to address these matters be noted.

**6. REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS**

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Service Manager, detailing the progress with the handling of complaints relating to breaches of the Council's Code of Conduct for Members and Town and Parish Councillors. The report listed the current cases of complaint and the action being taken in respect of each one.

Reference was made to each related case and recommended outcomes/actions identified were highlighted.

**Resolved:-** That the report be received and the contents noted.

**7. URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair advised that there were no urgent items of business requiring the Committee's consideration.

**8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:-** That the next meeting of the Standards and Ethics Committee be held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, commencing at 2.00 p.m.